Admiralty War Diaries

9-4-41 to 30-6-41

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

On the Denmark Strait Patrol, where the presence of a U-boat is suspected, MANCHESTER which left Scapa at 1530, was ordered at 2257 to proceed with Capt. D.3. in INGLEFIELD, ICARUS, and ACHATES to R/V to the East of 20° W. with EDINBURGH, who will then return with 2 Destroyers to Hvalfiord. Meanwhile EDINBURGH was ordered at 2037 to proceed to the Northward of 68° N and remain there for 48 hours to the Eastward of North Cape before resuming patrol, and HERMIONE is to remain at Hvalfiord.

A R/C of Brest at 0745 showed that SCHARNHORST had moved into the Rade Abri, and SEALION, TRIDENT, and SOKOL were ordered into new patrol positions accordingly. At 1400 however SCHARNHORST was seen to have returned to her usual position alongside the T.B. Jetty and at 2019 SEALION was ordered to return to Portsmouth as previously ordered. At 0030 this morning RUBIS reported that her steering gear had broken down and at 0356 TUNA was ordered to try to make contact with her after sunset tonight.

On night of 7 /8 A/C observed a smoke-screen over Brest apparently coming from the break-water as well as from the ships inside it and covering the Battle Cruisers and the southern part of the Town. 20 projectors were counted on the breakwater.

The destination of the 104th M/L Flotilla now assembling at Greenock for the Mediterranean has been altered to West Africa.

The A/A defences of Londonderry are to be strengthened by 4 heavy A/A Guns; and the construction of A/A Forts in the Liverpool Approaches is being considered.

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British Air Activity.

6 Hudson A/C No. 200 Squadron are to leave U.K. for Bathurst via Gibraltar as soon as weather permits.

1 Beaufort attacked a 450 ft. merchant ship in harbour at La Pallice, and may have hit, as a cloud of smoke was seen over the vessel's stern.

Enemy Air Activity.

The British DIANA, 942 tons, was bombed and sunk this morning S.W. of the Faeroes in 13° 10' W; and the Finnish FENIX was bombed and set on fire in 61° 45' N. 12° 10' W at 0720.

At 2335/8 the Belgian Balloon Barrage Vessel COR JESU was bombed and sunk off Alnmouth.

Convoy RANGE, while on passage from Dartmouth to the Needles, was attacked by 4 a/c off St. Albans Head at 1425 without result and again at 1637 when the British DAGMAR, 844 tons, was hit and sunk.

Mining.

R.A.M.L. in AGAMEMNON left Port Z.A. at 1645 with the 1st M/L Squadron for Operation SN. 64, and NIGERIA left Scapa at 2220 to R/V with him at 0100/10

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Shippings and Convoys.

Zigzagging. Fresh instructions regard zigzagging by merchant ships sailed independently or dispersed from Convoy in the Atlantic are contained in D.T.D's 1700B/9.

Lights. Fresh instructions regarding the ~~beaming~~ burning of navigation lights by merchant ships proceeding independently in the Atlantic are contained in D.T.D.'s 1913Z/9 and 2112B/9.

North Atlantic.

Gibraltar. French Glen Martin aircraft reconnoitred Gibraltar at 0700 this morning and again at 1900 this evening.

S.O. Force H. intends remaining to westward until the situation is clearer.

South Atlantic.

Bathurst. C. in C. South Atlantic reports that owing to insecurity of Merchant Navy code, ships bound for Bathurst have not been diverted (i.e. as a precaution against possible Vichy French action).

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

GLENGYLE landed her S.S. troops last night at the mouth of Bahr Litany and has returned to Port Said.

Army have asked for a bombardment tonight near Quasmize, where an enemy battalion is known to be in reserve.

2 French destroyers bombarded our advance forces from 0949 to 1010 this morning. Later they were encountered by JANUS, who, in an action off Sidon, was hit in the boiler room and disabled. She was taken in tow by KIMBERLEY. ISIS, JACKAL and HOTSPUR, which went to her assistance at 1431 reported that they were pursuing the enemy at full speed south and were then 15 miles from Beirut. C. in C. Med. ordered a Swordfish bomb attack on the destroyers in Beirut tonight.

French submarines were at sea, and PHOEBE reported being attacked.

Capt. D.10 was ordered to take JAGUAR, DEFENDER and GRIFFIN under his orders and hunt the submarine concerned, and to reinforce 15th C.S.

KANDAHAR, KIMBERLEY, JACKAL, JAGUAR, ISIS and HOTSPUR were ordered to form an army supporting force; DEFENDER, GRIFFIN and HERO an A/S striking force. Capt.D.10 has fixed the R.V. with Capt. D.2 at 0930/10 in 33.07 N., 33.52 E.

/Alexandria .....

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Mediterranean. (contd.)

Alexandria. Since the air raid on the night of 7-8/6 the absence of a number of dockyard workmen had delayed repair work. 2 mines remain to be exploded but the Harbour is open.

Lybia. Acting on information that M/V BIRMANIA (Italian) had sunk in Tripoli Harbour, and that water was covered with inflammable oil, 7 Swordfish attacked last night with bombs and flame floats, but although all the latter except 1 fell in the harbour no fire resulted on the water.

TRIUMPH reports having torpedoed (on 30/5?) the A.M.C. RAMB in Benghazi. On 5/6 she sunk one armed trawler and 2 empty sailing vessels by gunfire in 31.37 N., 15.38 E.

Dodecanese Wellingtons last night bombed objectives on Rhodes island and claimed 3 direct hits on the Northern Mole.

Survivors from Crete Last night one M.L.C. with Major Garrett R.M., 5 officers and 134 other ranks arrived at Sidi Barrani area, having left Crete on 1/6, or more than 7 days ago. Another M.L.C. with 53 men is reported to be in the vicinity.

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America & West Indies.

Use of Canadian Warships.	Replying to a request that Canadian corvettes escorting H.X. 129 should search for survivors of TREGARTHEN (torpedoed 6/6) N.S.H.Q. Ottawa ask that Admty. will whenever necessary -divert H.M.C. ships employed on escort duty without previous reference to them.
DUC D'AUMALE, Free French Volunteers.	30 ratings who arrived in DUC D'AUMALE as replacements for French ships at New York were not allowed by U.S. authorities to join and left again in the ship for Martinique today. 20 of them wish to join the Free French. C. in C. America and West Indies has asked if the ship can be intercepted.

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Policy.

20th M.L. Flotilla. The 20th M.L. Flotilla consisting of M.L's 123, 192, 245, 246, 247, 262 267, 268, is to assemble at Portland being subsequently moved to its base at Falmouth. If available Y Guns are to be mounted in which event 3 pounder gun is to be mounted forward. This Flotilla is not to carry Rolls Royce two pounder gun. M.L's 123, 245, 246 and 247 are to be manned with French Crews. (A.C.N.S. H. 1250B/9)

Iceland. Refitting of A/S Trawlers. My 1553B/27/5 is cancelled. One A/S Trawler of 21st A/S Group at a time is to be sailed in Convoy for Clyde for refit at Barclay Curle, Govan. Trawlers to be paid off and recommissioned as convenient during refit. On completion of refit Trawlers are to be sailed for Tobermory to work up and thence in Convoy to Reykjavik. First Trawler to be sailed as soon as possible. (D.A/S.W. 1403B/9 to F.O.I.C. Iceland)

Flag of 2nd in C.H.F. to PRINCE OF WALES. The Flag of Vice Admiral Curteis will be transferred to P. of W. on 15th June. From that date the 2nd C.S. will be administered by C.S. 10. (C. in C.H.F. 1507B/9)

Reykjavik Depot Ship. Adty. 2026B/5. MANELA could take two vessels for boiler cleaning but would require portable generator. Suggest possibility of using AELYBRYN. If AELYBRYN not available possibly some other badly damaged ship could be towed from United Kingdom. Use of berth at Reykjavik most undesirable. Already overcrowded, loading unloading and repairing. Important the two or three berths now available for repairing should not be prejudiced. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1951/8)

/104th M/L. .....

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Policy.

104th M/L Flotilla for W. Africa.

Destination of 104th M.L. Flotilla now assembling at Greenock for freighting to Mediterranean has been altered to West Africa. Information regarding shipment not yet available. (D. of L.D. 2038B/9)

O.P. and R. class S/M's. Engine Repairs.

Consideration of defects recently reported by OTUS, OLYMPUS and PANDORA confirms fact that in view of age and increasing liability to defects of 'O' Class 'P' Class and 'R' Class Submarines it is necessary to give consideration to allowing them sufficient time between patrols to maintain engines in a reasonable state of efficiency. (F.O.S.2239B/9)

Defence of U.K.

Cowes. A/A Defences.

Reference request made at C.O.S.(A.A.)(S) 7th June in regard to A.A. defence Cowes. Representative of Messrs. Samuel White reports at least one "snooping" attack has been made at about 1400/2/6 in which several bombs were dropped in area. Further reports that -several individual attacks have recently been made by night including one attack last night by single aircraft. In these attacks, several bombs have been dropped in vicinity of shipyard and aircraft factory. Latter is making Spitfire and Wellington air frame components.
2. Request R/C may be made at early date with a view to improving defence of these two important V.P.s. (D. of L.D. 1509B/9 to Air Ministry.)

Rosyth. A/A Defences.

Your 1329/30/5. Shortage of ammunition for Harvey projectors renders it impossible to supply at present. Matter will be reviewed in one month's time. 4 Heavy A.A. being provided. (D. of L.D. 1641B/9 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

/Iceland. .....

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Defence of U.K. Contd.

Iceland. Communications. Following are my observations on Communications in Iceland. Details. (A.C.D.S.1927/9) See Lion Copy.

Liverpool. A/A Forts. Reference recent visit of Mr. Maunsell to discuss projected A.A. forts in Liverpool Approaches proposals are now under consideration to construct forts between 5 - 6 fms. in areas given to your Chief of Staff during visit to Admiralty.
2. Request your views. (D. of L.D. 2111B/9 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Londonderry. A/A Defences. Your 1120B/2. 4 Additional Heavy A.A. guns allocated Londondery from June, production and arrangements made for special reinforcement if necessary.
2. You will appreciate that scale quoted was designed to meet special requirement now under consideration locally. (D. of L.D. 2308B/9 to F.O.I.C. Belfast.)

Movements.

M/L's for Gibraltar. R.A.C.F. 1330B/8. Propose similar arrangements as for 3rd M.L. Flotilla ships assembling at Plymouth. Request necessary escort be detailed. (C. in C. Plymouth 1250/9)

PANDORA. Intend sailing PANDORA at 1900B June 10th. Fleet Sweepers CROMER, BUDE, BLACKPOOL, RHYL, ROMNEY and 4 M/L's escorting. A/S Exercises from approx. 1945 - 2030 in Dartmouth S/M Sanctuary. Sweepers then return to Dartmouth. PANDORA, with M/L's proceeds to 050° N. 005° 38' W. after which Submarine proceeds independently(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 2311/9)

/LEGION .....

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Movements. Contd.

LEGION. LEGION arrived Clyde with 70 prisoners, 6 officers and 64 ratings. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 2325B/9)

Operations.

Search for U.Boat. Your 1900B/8. Captain (D) 3 in INGLEFIELD with ICARUS is to be sailed Hvalfiord. One destroyer is to join the cruisers on patrol in Denmark Strait. At the discretion of the S.O. Home Fleet in area both destroyers may be used to operate against U.Boat. Destroyers are to keep in area A.W/T organisation. (C. in C.H.F. 0056B/9 to R.A.D. H.F.)
My 0056B/9. Capt. (D) 3 in INGLEFIELD with ICARUS and ACHATES are to sail when ready and proceed to Hvalfiord with all convenient despatch weather permitting. (C. in C.H.F. 1026B/9) (R.A.D.1057B/9 to D.3.)
My 1057B/9. D.3 in INGLEFIELD, ICARUS and ACHATES sailed. (R.A.D. 1215B/9)
Scapa departure MANCHESTER. (A.C.O.S.1530B/9)
EDINBURGH should proceed to the Northward of 68° N. and remain there for 48 hours and then resume patrol keeping throughout to the Eastward of a line 360° from North Cape.
2. Ships proceeding to Denmark Strait patrol should pass to the Eastward of Iceland.
(1st S.L. 1718B/9 to C. in C.H.F.)
My 0011B/9. In view of Admty's 1718B/9 intend to proceed eastabout passing through 068° 10', 016°, 270°, 18 knots at 0800B/11.
(HERMIONE 1915B/9)
Comply Admty. 1718B/9 - para 1. (C. in C.H.F. 2037B/9 to C.S. 18.)
Remain at Hval Fiord. (C. in C.H.F. 2031B/9 to HERMIONE)
Decypher H.D. 135 (Refers to 1st S.L.1718B/9)
(C. in C.H.F. 2055B/9 to HERMIONE, MANCHESTER)

/Admty's 1718B/9 ....

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Search for U.Boat contd.

Admty's 1718B/9. When fuelled proceed with Capt. (D) 3, ICARUS and ACHATES to R/V with EDINBURGH proceeding westabout. R/V which is to East of 020° W. is to be chosen according to latest reports of visibility and ice and is to be signalled to C.S. 18 before sailing. On relief MANCHESTER, EDINBURGH is to return with 2 destroyers to Hvalfiord. (C. in C.H.F. 2257B/9 to MANCHESTER.)

Biscay S/M Patrol.

At 0033B/9 RUBIS in 46° 46' N. 10° 32' W. reported steering gear broken down and unable to manoeuvre . Cancel my 1209B/8.
SOKOL return to 47° 16' N. 10° 03' W.
TRIDENT return to 46° 38' N. 09° 42' W.
(F.O.S. 0518B/9)
SCHARNHORST has shifted berth alongside to Rade Abri. GNEISENAU and PRINZ EUGEN still in dry dock.
(a) SEALION establish patrol near position 047° 32' N. 006° 38' W. Leave patrol after dark/10 for Portsmouth as directed by Capt.(S) 5.
(b) After dark today S/M's proceed to following patrol positions. TRIDENT 046° 04' N. 009° 15' W. SOKUL 046° 38' N. 009° 42' W. (F.O.S. 1447B/9)
My 1447B/9. Cancel Para. A. SEALION proceed Portsmouth as previously ordered. (F.O.S. 2019B/9 to SEALION.)

Search for Bismarck.

Now that further reports have been received of the events leading up to the destruction of the BISMARCK it seems certain that HOOD obtained several hits on BISMARCK before she herself was sunk. It is also evident that except for reduced mobility BISMARCK was an efficient fighting unit when engaged by KING GEORGE V, RODNEY and DORSETSHIRE, and the fact that not one of these ships sustained any damage in this engagement is convincing proof of their fighting efficiency and the accuracy of their gunnery.
(1st Lord. 1205B/9)

/Iceland .....

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Iceland - Faroes Patrol.

KENYA sailed. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1801/9)

British Air Activity.

Patrols.

STAND not flown p.m./8. (C. in C. Rosyth, 0042/9)
A/S sweep by three Whitleys, centre track 515°. From Butt of Lewis to a depth of 300 miles. On datum 1400/9. (C. in C. Rosyth, 0802/9)
STAND in operation. SLEEVE not being flown. (C. in C. Rosyth 1634/9)
BERT and STAB in operation also Recco. of Narvik. (C. in C. Rosyth 1950/9)
Following Standard Patrols are forwarded for your agreement:- WATCH I, WATCH II, PRICE, ROVIK I, ROVIK II, POLAR, BEAR and WALRUS. Details. (H.Q.C.C. 2005/9 to Adty) See Summaries Folder.

Escorts.

Your 0841/8. Regret no aircraft available. (C. in C. Rosyth 0435/9 to MANCHESTER.)
Your 0846B/7. Expect A.S. escort by Ansons from Stornoway from 1800 to dusk on 9th and by Hudsons from Wick from first light to dusk on 10th. (C. in C. Rosyth 0940/9 to R.A.M.)

Bombing Restrictions.

My Ops. 625/9/6. Cancel total submarine bombing restrictions in area 73 North of 49° N. (H.Q.C.C. 1305/9)

Six A/C for Bathurst.

X229 9/6. 6 Hudsons of No.200 Sqdn. are to leave U.K. for Bathurst via Gibraltar as soon as weather conditions permit. (Air Ministry 1940/9)

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Enemy Air Activity.

DIANA. (British 942 Tons) 62° 12' N. 13° 10' W. DIANA bombed by aircraft. (Liverpool W/T 0555/9.)
Have entire crew of DIANA, 1 serious and 3 badly injured. My position is 062° 04' N. 013° 40' W. Proceeding Thorshaven. E.T.A. 1000B/10th. (CAPE PORTLAND 1527B/9.)
Your 1917B/9th. DIANA sank 1115. (CAPE PORTLAND 2030B/9.)

FENIX. (Finnish, 1804 Tons.) Help. 61° 54' N. 11° 44' W. (NORTHERN SKY, 0630/9, 0645/9, 0700/9)
FENIX bombed and sunk by H.E. III. Have taken aboard 21 survivors, one seriously injured, am proceeding with all despatch to Thorshaven. Urgently require medical assistance. My position course and speed are 061° 45' N. 012° 10' W. 086°, 9 knots. (NORTHERN SKY 0730B/9.)
Amend my 0720. FENIX on fire but still afloat at 0900. Smoke still visible 30 miles astern. (NORTHERN SKY 1040B/9)
Position 061° 54' N. 012° 16' W. dead reckoning. FENIX gutted. Fire practically out. Ship floating high. Fire confined to holds. (CAPE PORTLAND 1948B/9)
Have contacted FENIX. Burning forecastle and stern upper works entirely gone. Does not appear to be sinking. Will attempt boarding as soon as possible. (NORTHERN REWARD 2156B/9)

Convoy W.S.9 A. approached on 5/6. At 0805/5th in 056° 28' N. 014° 50' W. one F.W. aircraft approached convoy W.S.9 A. from port bow at height of 300 feet. Aircraft was engaged with long range A/A gunfire by CAIRO at range 5 miles and fire was continued until aircraft was out of sight on port quarter at range 6 miles and aircraft was not seen again. (CAIRO 0926/9)

COR JESU sunk. (Balloon Barrage Vessel) Motor Drifter ALEX GABRIELLE arrived a.m. today with crew of COR JESU on board. Latter vessel having been bombed and sunk at 2335/8 in 55° 29' 30" N. 1° 27' W. No casualties in either vessel. Both drifters manned by Belgian crews under the red ensign were on passage from Methil for Humber. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1210/9)

/Loch Ewe. .....

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Enemy Air Activity. Contd.

Loch Ewe. Air Raid on 8/6.

At 0130/8. JU.88 or Heinkel observed in difficulties and on fire flying down Loch. Very loud double explosion took place and thereafter no engine heard. Rubber dinghy intact but upside down found in vicinity. V. Planes in pairs, one flying to draw fire, other gliding throttled down and dropping bombs. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea 1237B/9)

Convoy RANGE. DAGMAR (British 844 Tons) sunk.

RANGE being attacked by enemy aircraft 50° 52' N. 1° 58' W. (BLENCATHRA 1425/9.)
Four A/C attacking. No hits. (BLENCATHRA 1436/9.)
RANGE attacked at 1426 in position 130° St. Albans Head 5 miles by four aircraft. No damage reported. (F.O.I.C. PORTLAND, 1540/9)
Help "RANGE" 50° 55' N. 1° 46' W. (BLENCATHRA 1637/9)
Fighter Aircraft is being sent to Convoy RANGE. (Nore 1652/9)
My 1540/9. RANGE again attacked at 1637. British ship DAGMAR hit. Blew up and sank 1754 in position 160° St. Albans Head 5½ miles. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1830/9)

FORFEIT. (Bombed 6/6)

CRAIG COULLFACH with FORFEIT in tow arrived. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1426/9)

HAROCZ. (Polish 2795 Tons.)

Master of HAROCZ reports that at 0230B/8 in 062° N. 008° 44' W. ship was unsuccessfully bombed by one Heinkel. No casualties or damage suffered and aeroplane was driven off by ship's machine gun fire. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1855B/9)

GLORY. bombed.

(Dutch 323 Tons) My 1057/9. GLORY has been towed into Scarborough. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1902/9)
My 1908/9. M/V GLORY damage not as yet ascertained. Hull intact. 5 bombs dropped near misses. 2 of the crew wounded by machine gun bullets. Names. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 2126/9)

/REMAGIO .....

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Enemy Air Activity. Contd.

REMAGIO. (Trawler 174 Tons) Attacked by A/C and grounded North of Bamburgh at 0835/9. Crew of 10 landed, but ship likely to be total loss. (D.S.644)

Mining.

P.W.14. At first suitable opportunity after 16th June carry out P.W.14 in position originally given for P.W.10 in my 1837/0528A/13 of 19.4.41 paragraph 2. (C. in C. Nore, 1514B/9 to BEEHIVE.)

SN.64. Departure Port ZA R.A.M. in AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, BRIGHTON, ST. MARY'S, IMPULSIVE and ANTHONY 1645/9. (TRELAWNEY 1646/9)

NIGERIA delayed. Expect R/V 0100B/10. (10th C.S. 2150B/9 to R.A.M.L.)
Scapa departure NIGERIA. (A.C.O.S.2030/9)

Falmouth. Cut mine in position 50° 09' 50" N. 04° 53' 06" W. Mine sunk by rifle fire. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 2206/9)

Enemy Intelligence.

Brest. R/C of Brest at 0745B/9 shows that SCHARNHORST has moved from T/B jetty to Radè Abri. GNEISENAU and PRINZ EUGEN still in dock. (D.D.I.C. 1045B/9)

/At 1400/9 .....

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Enemy Intelligence, Contd.

At 1400/9. SCHARNHORST has returned to the position alongside quay which she occupied on 8/6. She is partly obscured by cloud but her bow now appears pointing eastward and torpedo boom and floating camouflage have been replaced around her.
GNEISENAU still in dry dock. Dry dock usually occupied by HIPPER class cruiser obscured by cloud.
Other shipping in portions of Port and Rade de Brest seen shows insignificant change.
(P.R.U. St. Eval 1650/9)
Brest 1430/9. Preliminary interpretation of photographs shows SCHARNHORST alongside again, headed West. GNEISENAU still in dry dock; PRINCE EUGEN dock obscured.
(D.D.I.C. 1720B/9)
A/C of Bomber Command height 14,000 feet observed smoke screen over Brest between 2345/7th - 0020/8th June. Smoke came from breakwater and ships inside breakwater and covered both battle cruisers and southern part of town. Colour greyish-white. 20 projectors counted on breakwater.
(D.D.I.C. 1540B/9)

Enemy Transport Situation. Summary of German Transport situation in Baltic and on Norwegian Coast. Details. (N.A. Stockholm 2209/9) See Lion Copy.

Casualties & Defects.

RUBIS. Steering gear broken down. Can dive but unable to manoeuvre. My position 046° 46' N. 010° 32' W. Request escort and tow.
(RUBIS 0030B/9 to F.O.S.
Your 0030B/9. Dive during daylight today. Further signal follows. (F.O.S. 0216B/9 to RUBIS.)

/RUBIS .....

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Casualties & Defects. Contd.

RUBIS contd.

RUBIS 0030B/9. Request immediate assistance and air protection during return passage. (F.O.S. 0224B/9 to C. in C. Plymouth)
RUBIS 0030/9 and your 0024/9. Request RUBIS may be instructed to endeavour to -proceed towards Scillies in order that adequate fighter protection may be provided for a surface escort.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0502/9 to F.O.S.)
Endeavour to make contact with RUBIS soon after sunset tonight and render any possible assistance. If contact has not been made by 2245B/9 RUBIS is to fire one night grenade of any characteristic at 20 and 50 minutes past each hour until 0200B/10 in order to attract attention. If no assistance can be given or if contact has not been made by 0200B/10 TUNA proceed well clear to southward and report situation. (F.O.S. 0356B/9 to T.U.N.A.)

MELROSE ABBEY. (Grounded 28/3)

Your 1606/7/6. ABEILLE 4 sailed 1200/9. (N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 1207/9)
My 1606/7. ABEILLE 4 returned Peterhead. Operation unsuccessful. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1731/9)

DIANTHUS.

Have developed defect Asdic Transmitter. Request permission call Campbeltown to make good. (DIANTHUS 1330B/9)
Your 1330B/9 approved. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1455B/9 to DIANTHUS.

T.L.C. 46.

Drifters YOUNG CLIFF and ACHIEVABLE arrived Dundee with T.L.C. 46 in tow all engines broken down. (N.O.I.C. Dundee 1723/9)

BROADWATER.

Am returning to harbour. Four out of six boiler room fans out of action. (BROADWATER 1932B/9)

/ST. BRIAC. .....

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Casualties and Defects. Contd.

ST.BRIAC. Owing to Engine defects ST.BRIAC will not be available for about 3 weeks to a month. (Head of M. 2357B/9)

TRAFALGAR. (British 4530 Tons) Left Milford Haven 21/4. Due Cape Town 29/5. Not arrived. (D.S.643)

SCOTTISH MONARCH. (British 4719 Tons) Left Loch Ewe 9/5. Due Freetown 2/6. Not arrived. (D.S.643)

CHESTERFIELD. Returning to Greenock owing to steering engine defect. (CHESTERFIELD 2358B/9)

Shipping and Convoys.

Zigzagging. Pass to N.C.S.Os. Except in heavy weather or in fog merchant ships sailed independently or dispersed from convoy in the Atlantic north of 5° S. are to zig-zag by day and on moonlight nights.(Instructions) A.M.S.I's 148, 338 and 405 are cancelled. (D.T.D. 1700B/9 to C. in C's etc.)

Burning of Navigation Lights. Admty. Message F.O. Merchant ships proceeding independently in Atlantic are normally to burn dimmed navigation lights when northward of 40° N. and westward of 45° W. When north of Equator and between 8° W. and 45° W, should it be essential to show navigation lights in cases of emergency, merchant ships (whether in convoy or proceeding independently) may exhibit both side lights without using the steaming light.
3. Large liners outward bound from U.K. have discretion to burn navigation lights at full brilliance when northward of 32° N. and westward of 45° W. in Area 7.
4. A.M.S.I. 422 will be amended accordingly. A.M's E.U, F.A, and F.F. are cancelled. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1913Z/9 to G.B.M.S. all areas except A.I.G.12)

/"F.O". .....

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A.M."F.O" Independent merchant ships, when to the north of 40° N. and west of 45° W. in the Atlantic, should normally show dimmed navigation lights.
Ships in convoy and independent ships, when north of the Equator and between 8° W. and 45° W., if circumstances demand the burning of navigation lights, may show both side lights without the steaming light.
When to north of 32° N. and to west of 45° W. in area 7, outward bound large liners may show navigation lights at full brilliance if they so desire.
A.M.s "EU", "FA", "FF" are cancelled and A.M.S.I. 422 amended accordingly.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 2112B/9 to A.I.C.12)

H.X.123. Commodore Vice-Adm. F.A. Somerville arrived safely with exception of EMPIRE STORM 42 ships including 11 allied 1 neutral. Cargoes. (D.S.643 9/6)

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North Atlantic.

French R/C Gibraltar.	One French Glen Martin R/C aircraft over Gibraltar at 0700. (F.O.C.N.A. 0752A/9 to S.O. Force H.) At 0700 hours French Glen Martin possibly on Met. Recco. flew close in engaged by A.A. Defences then retired. Other pilots later reported some distance away presumed to be same plane approaching then receding. Plane approached from Casablanca direction. (Gov. Gib., 0932/9 to W.O.)
Force H.	Instructions in your 2344/8 complied with. 4 V.E.E.'s proceeding Gibraltar refuel E.T.A. 2100A/10. Intend remaining to westward until situation clearer. If French commence active hostilities throughout Mediterranean suggest V.E.E.'s escort oiler for Force H. to selected R/V. Please keep me fully informed of situation. (S.O. Force H. 0935A/9 to Admty.)
MARSDALE.	On passage to Areas V.1 and V.2 pass through following position (a) 037° 30' N. 030° 00'W. (b) 029° 00' N. 021° 00' W. (F.O.C.N.A. 1110A/9 to MARSDALE)
WIVERN.	My P.C. and S. are 037° 10' N. 012° 32'W 098° 15 passing through 231° St. Vincent 20 miles E.T.A.1600A/10. Have defective condensers and leaking oil tanks, fuel remaining 95 tons. (WIVERN, 1700A/9 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Refugees, Gibraltar. SCYTHIA.	Your 1243B/9 (see South Atlantic) Arrival of refugees Lisbon Spain and Tangier has to be synchronized with arrival of transport because no accommodation for them is available in Gibraltar. Cancellation therefore results in serious disorganization and also has political repercussions. Essential therefore that SCYTHIA should call at Gibraltar unless prevented by enemy action at Gibraltar. C. in C. S.A. is accordingly requested to signal accurate details of accommodation available at earliest opportunity. (F.O.C.N.A. 1724A/9 to Admty.)

/French R/C .....

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French R/C. Another French Glen Martin reconnaissance A/C over Gibraltar at 1900 today. (F.O.C.N.A. 1924B/9 to S.O. Force H.)

South Atlantic.

C LAN MACDOUGALL. Report received here that CLAN MACDOUGALL has been sunk. Is this confirmed ? She was carrying important spares for ships repairs. (N.L.O. Durban, 1042B/9 to D. of S.T.)

"Q" Report. TAI YANG. Following has been read. QQQQ From TAI YANG position 18.01 S. 16.58 W. Suspicious Vessel intercepting at 0900 G.M.T. (Ascension Radio T.O.R. 1050Z/9 to Freetown W/T.)
Following received G.B.M.S. 6A from TAI YANG. Cancel my QQQQ, vessel friendly. (Ascension Radio, T.O.R. 1120Z/9 TAI YANG, 1155/9)

"R" Report. BALINGKAR. Following has been read. RRRR 44.50 N. 29.58 W. BALINGKAR followed by small war vessel. (Lands End Radio 1127/9)
Cancel my message 1127 QQQQ de BALINGKAR 1218. (Liverpool 1219/9)

LIBERTY GLO. Cancel my 1146/30. LIBERTY GLO arrived Matadi 6/6. (S.O.I. Freetown 1232Z/9)

Trade Protection. In view of difficulties of quick communica-tion with you Capt. Schofield, D.T.D., is being sent out with Wing Cdr. Pearce to consult as regards problem of Trade Protection in your area. He will remain as long as necessary in order to be able to represent fully your views on his return. (1st S.L. 1240B/9 to C. in C.S.A.)

/Evacuees .....

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Evacuees, Gibraltar.	To clear balance of evacuees from Gibraltar to U.K. C. in C. S.A. is requested to direct SCYTHIA, due Freetown 10/6, into Gibraltar, but should supply her with an alternative route to U.K. in the event of this movement being cancelled. Most desirable that British and Allied refugees in Lisbon be brought to Gibraltar to embark in SCYTHIA. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to lend every assistance possible to Embassy Lisbon in arranging for preliminary movement from Lisbon to -Gibraltar. (D.O.D.(F) 1243B/9 to C. in C.S.A. F.O.C.N.A.)
Convoy W.S.9A.	List and bunker requirements. (D.S.T., 1337B/9 to C. in C.S.A., C. in C.E.I.)
HELDER.	Overdue shipping. HELDER due Capetown 4/6. from U.K. not arrived. (S.O.I. Cape Town. 1350/9 to Admty. etc.)
NEWCASTLE. ASTURIAS.	My 1802/4. NEWCASTLE is remaining in Rio de Janeiro area. ASTURIAS is to R/V with oiler ABBEYDALE at F.O. a.m./15, embark 1000 tons oil fuel and discharge to her stores and personnel for NEWCASTLE ex BALTORVIA. ASTURIAS report by W/T whether fuelling is successful. If so, ASTURIAS is to leave L.Sl 17/6 and unless other orders issued by C. in C.S.A. proceed to Newport News, speed of advance 15 knots. If weather is unsuitable. ASTURIAS is to remain in L.Sl and further instructions will be issued. Oiler BROOMDALE is being ordered to Percival to fuel NEWCASTLE about 20/6 and will then proceed Falkland Islands. (R.A.S.A.D. 1511Z/9 to S.A.D. CARNARVON CASTLE.)

/ASTURIAS .....

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ASTURIAS. Your 2125/16/5, your 2147/8. ASTURIAS will now require fuel before leaving S.A.D. for refit. Endeavour will be made to fuel her from squadron oiler: failing this she must be delayed to fuel at Buenos Aires which she cannot do until 22/6 under 3 months oil fuel - other neutral ports not available for same reason. (R.A.S.A.D. 1513Z/9 to C. in C.S.A.)

FRANKFURT. HERMES. (German) Reported FRANKFURT will berth alongside tomorrow to commence loading. Loading of HERMES now only spasmodic and it appears ship will not sail for some days. (N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 1537/9 to S.O.I. Freetown)

NORFOLK. SCYTHIA. SHROPSHIRE. My 0925/9 your 1243/9 and 1900/9. NORFOLK expected to sail 12/6. SCYTHIA 10th or 11/6, SHROPSHIRE 17/6. Propose (A) 180 prisoners ex LONDON be sent to U.K. in NORFOLK. (B) 354 Service passengers now in LONDON to U.K. in SCYTHIA. (C) 137 Passengers ex LONDON disembarked at Bathurst and now on way to Freetown to U.K. in SHROPSHIRE. No adequate accommodation for prisoners at Freetown. (C. in C.S.A. 1715N/9 to Admty.)

Bathurst Precautions. Your 1823N/7, owing to insecurity of Merchant Navy Code ships bound for Bathurst have not been diverted. Reference last sentence. Request you will inform Force F. if this should be necessary. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1800B/9 to C. in C.S.A. amended 1308B/10)

TEBRO (Italian) NATAL (German) Santos reports is in stream not down to load line and has had steam all last week. Is still loading cotton and coffee. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2243Z/9 to S.O.I. Freetown.)

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FRANKFURT. HERMES. (German)	Rio de Janeiro reports FRANKFURT will berth alongside tomorrow Tuesday to commence loading. HERMES is only loading spasmodically and it appears she will not sail for some days. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2328Z/9 to R.A.S.A.D.)
French FOUCAULD.	Report graded C.3 states left France about 3/6 for Conakry. Due there 13th, and may have enemy personnel on board. (S.O.I. Freetown, 2331N/9 to Admty.)

Mediterranean.

GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI. (Italian)	Tanker 3319 Tons. Expected to pass Istanbul for Aegean 1900/8. (Capt.(S) I. 09150/9 toTURBAY, TETRARCH)
KNAGUINYA MARIE LUISA.	Bulgarian 3821 Tons. Report graded B.1 states lost as result of fire and explosion in Piraeus. (D.S. 643 9/6)
CAVARNA. ARDEAL. PELES.	Roumanian, 3498 Tons, 5695 Tons, 5708 Tons. Report C.3. states left Constanza about 19/5 with German pontoon material and "machinery" to Russian ports and returned with wheat for Germany. (D.S.643 9/6)
SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.	My 1040 8th inform De Gaulle withdrawal from Red Sea Force would be regretted. If however ship has to go consider ammunition should be sent to Colombo and ship sailed to embark it there. (C. in C. Med. 1129/9 G.H.Q.M.E.)

/GLENEARN .....

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GLENEARN. — Anticipated that GLENEARN will arrive Suez 10/6 under tow. Requested you will consider towing her to Bombay for repairs. (C. in C. Med. 1141C/9 to C. in C.E.I.)

IKI KARDASHLAR. (Sunk 5/6) — Your telegram 1375 to F.O. Now ascertained that schooner IKI KARDASHLAR was sunk at 0015/5 by M.T.B. on patrol from Cyprus. Vessel was well outside territorial waters and behaving in a suspicious manner which led warship to think she was an enemy vessel. For your information, good reason to suppose that supplies are going to Syria in coasters using Turkish flag, and situation is difficult for our patrol craft who have orders to interfere as little as possible with Turkish traffic. (C. in C.Med. 1215C/9 to Ambassador, Angora.) Fuller report of incident C. in C. Med.1754C/18.

TIRPITZ. (German) — Arrived Cartagena 9/6. (Cartagena 1245/9)

REGENT. — My 1228B/8. Amended. (V.A. Malta, 1245B/9 to REGENT.)

RORQUAL. URGE. — Orders. (Commander (S)1, 1243B/9 to RORQUAL, URGE.)

Oilers. Malta. — In planning any movements that may become practicable to and from Malta, requested consideration may be given to moving away oilers HOUGH HOOD and SVENOR, each believed to be capable of 11 knots, unless likely to be fully employed at Malta. They would be of great use elsewhere. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1600B/9 to C. in C. Med.)

/SALZBURG .....

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SALZBURG.
G. GHIRARDI. Istanbul arrived 8/6 German SALZBURG, Italian GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI. Departure SALZBURG Dedeagatch 9/6. GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI Salonica 10/6. (Beyoglu 1615/9 to M. of W.T.)

RORQUAL. Sailed for Malta with 3 Officers 22 other ranks Royal Artillery and following stores:- Kerosene, Aviation Spirit, Naval stores 2½ tons; Medical Stores, 3 tons; Mail, 147 bags. Bill of lading is on board. (Capt. S.1., 1701C/5 to V.A. Malta.)

Enemy Convoy. 2 destroyers 3 merchant vessels P.C. and S. GRYY*1652 005° 10 knots. (Via Nore W/T, 1735/9 to Whitehall W/T.) *(as received)

Ammunition. Expenditure on 21/5 - 25/5. (C. in C. Med. 1755/9 in reply to Admty. 1619B/6) See Lion ~~reading copies~~ Copy.

Ship Design, lessons from experience. My 1755/9. In any decisions in ship design as apart from supply which may be taken as a result of these operations, suggested that following should be considered.
1. Conditions under which ships were required to operate without Fighter Support in close proximity to enemy air bases were so exceptional that they should not unduly influence design of ships.
2. Increased ammunition stowage for long range A.A. armament is required particularly in ships with centre line armament. Not considered any of present low angle stowage can be spared in 5.25 and 6 inch cruisers.
3. Comparatively small percentage of pom-pom and 0.5 inch outfits expended shows that a much needed increase in close range A.A. armaments can be made without corresponding increase in ammunition stowage. (C. in C.Med 1759/9 to Admty.)

/Transport .....

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Transport of German A/F.	Reported that German A/F personnel and stores being transported Athens to Salonika in 6 Axis ships of two to six thousand tons. (Capt. (S) I. 1855C/9 to TETRARCH.)
Enemy Convoy.	R/c 9/6 reported two Merchant ships, one destroyer heading for Benghazi from vicinity of Kerkenah. (Comm.(S) I 1906B/9 to TETRARCH, UPHOLDER.)
Malta Supplies.	Ref. Governor Malta message G.M./16656 of 5/6 is considered any large S/M making passage through Mediterranean from Gibraltar should fill to capacity with stores as required by Governor Malta. Suggestions. (C. in C. Med. 1911C/9 to Admty.)
Malta Air Raid.	C.S.R. up to 1600 hrs. 9/6. Night June 8/9. 5 Enemy aircraft approached at intervals without crossing coast.
BIRMANIA attacked, Tripoli.	On information that M/V BIRMANIA had sunk in Tripoli Harbour and water covered with inflammable oil an attack was made between 2145 and 2153 hrs.8/9 by 7 Swordfish 830 Sqdn. F.A.A. each carrying 2 250 lbs. G.P. Bombs 20 Mark 1 and 4 Mark 2 flame floats. Though all flame floats except 1 fell in harbour no fire resulted on water. 12 250 lbs. G.P. bombs dropped from 4000 feet among shipping in harbour and 4 250 lbs. G.P. on Spanish Fort quay resulted in small fire on one M/V and another small fire on quay. (H.Q. Malta, 2130/9)
TRIUMPH. Enemy Vessels sunk.	Your 1745/6. 18 British removed from Island to Athens by air 8th. My position 034° 39' 024° 49' E.T.A. Sanctuary 0500/12. (?30th) torpedoed RAMB (?) in Benghazi. 3 merchant ships also there. 5th, one armed trawler 2 empty sailing (?) vessels sunk by gunfire 031° 37' 015° 38'. No other shipping sighted. (TRIUMPH 2131C/9 to Capt. S.1.)

/Mitylene .....

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Mitylene.	Report Turkish authorities Mitylene 4/6 states preparations on island now being made for move of German forces to unknown destination. 40 small craft assembled. 230 German soldiers arrived from Nikaria. Also estimates German (corrupt group) reduced from 6,000 to new total of 2,000. Arrival of ship awaited, please inform Navy. (M.A. Ankara, 2133/9 to C. in C. M.E., W.O.)
Vessels for Aden.	Unless you foresee early need for KIRRIEMOOR, BURGONET, ATREUS or ALSEY in E. Mediterranean, requested sail them for Aden to await further instructions. (Admty.2244B/9 to C. in C. Med.)
HYACINTH.	Request you sail to Haifa at daylight tomorrow Tuesday. (C. in C. Med. 2315C/9 to R.A. Alexandria.)
RAMB IV.	Your 1839/6. Request confirmation short voyage employment can be found for RAMB IV if three weeks refit is carried out. (D. of S.T. 2359B/9 to S.T.O. Egypt.)

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Advance into Syria.

Air Report. — Syria. Operations in support our troops advancing into Syrian territory. 2 Hurricanes provided fighter protection for H.M. ships. F.A.A. Fulmars escorting H.M. ships were attacked by Moranes. 2 Fulmars shot down third forced landed in sea. Further 2 severely damaged.

Western Desert. — Night 7/8 10 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour causing fires and explosions on Central Mole and Cathedral Mole. 2 Wellingtons bombed Derna landing ground starting large fires.

Attack on Mersa Matruh. — Night 8/9. 10 unidentified enemy A/C bombed Mersa Matruh town and harbour. Mines also believed dropped. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1107/9)

Enemy Destroyer. — ISIS, JACKAL and HOTSPUR pursuing southerly full speed enemy now 15 miles from Beirut can I bombard if necessary. (ISIS 1431/9 to C.S.15.)
Your 1600C. Swordfish to attack destroyer in Beirut tonight 9/10 with bombs. Arrange reconnaissance to find destroyer's berths before dark. (C. in C. Med. 18080/9 to F.O. 15th C.S.)

D.2. — On arrival Port Said fuel and sail with all despatch to R/V with Capt. (D) 10 in accordance with my 1817C/9. (C. in C. Med. 18210/9 to Capt. D.2.)

JAGUAR.
DEFENDER.
GRIFFIN. — Take JAGUAR, DEFENDER, GRIFFIN under your orders. Proceed when ready with despatch to hunt submarine reported to have attacked PHOEBE in position 33° 29' N. 34° 58' E.

KANDAHAR. — Detach JAGUAR to join KANDAHAR a.m./10 as ordered by C.S.15.

HERO. — Capt. D.(2) and HERO E.T.A. Port Said 2245/9 ordered to join you after fuelling. Appoint R/V. (C. in C. Med. 1817C/9 to Capt. D.10.)

/My 1817C/9

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JAHUAR.
DEFENDER.
GRIFFIN.
KANDAHAR.
HERO.
(contd.)

My 18170/9. Capt.(D) 2, Capt.(D) 10, DEFENDER, GRIFFIN, HERO to form A/S striking force. KANDAHAR, KIMBERLEY, JACKAL, JAGUAR, ISIS, HOTSPUR to form army supporting force supported by cruisers. (C. in C. Med. 18370/9 to C.S. 15.)
R/V at 0930/10 in position 033° 07' N. 033° 52' E. (Capt. D.10 2353C/9 to Capt.(D) 2)

Bombardment requested.

Request bombardment of area 1000 yards deep and 400 yards wide centred point 600 yards North of Qasmiye, grid ref.106156. Time after which shooting is not required is 2200. Enemy battalion in reserve known to be in this area. (N.L.O. Pal. 1837C/9 to C.S.15.)

Action with French Destroyers.

Signal short (?report of) action. Who was the aggressor? (C. in C. Med. 18570/9 to ISIS.)

JANUS damaged.

Janus hit in boiler room in action off Sidon with French Destroyers now being towed into Haifa by KIMBERLEY. French Destroyers chased into Beirut by ISIS, JACKAL and HOTSPUR. Intend taking air action against French Destroyers. My 1105/7 (N.T. in W.D.) Request most immediate reply as situation cannot long remain static. French ships have stopped leave and if I am to open negotiations early action is essential. (C. in C. Med.19490/9 to Admty.
Signal short account of your action include in statement who was aggressor. (C.S.15 2101/9 to JANUS.)

/situation .....

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Situation Report No.51.

Syria. GLENGYLE landed troops at Mouth of Bahr Litany night 8/9 and has returned to Port Said. Army have asked for bombardment near Quasmiye tonight 9/10.
2. Two French destroyers bombarded our advance forces from 0949 to 1010 and were later encountered by JANUS who was hit in boiler room and unable to steam. ISIS, HOTSPUR, JACKAL came to her assistance and chased French destroyers back to Beirut. French S/M's also at sea and PHOEBE reports being attacked. Captain D.10 leaving Alexandria now with JAGUAR, GRIFFIN and DEFENDER to reinforce C.S.15 and act as A/S striking force. D.2 and HERO returning to join C.S.15 after escorting GLENGYLE to Port Said.
3. Alexandria. As a result of air raid night 7/8 repairs to ships are being delayed. LEANDER has sailed for Port Said for removal of catapult, GLENEARN left in tow of PROTECTOR having completed emergency repairs. Two mines remain to be exploded but harbour is open.
4. TORBAY reports torpedoing French tanker ALBERTA off Dardanelles night 7/8.
(C. in C. Med. 2321C/9 to Admty.)

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BRITISH LOYALTY.

C. in C. E.I., 0614/3 released to Admiralty 7th, left Bahrein 8/6 for Aden calling Khor Kuwai to discharge cargo.
(S.N.O. Persian Gulf 0505Z/9 to Admty.)

Prisoners of War.

Considerations governing embarkation of Prisoners of War in any one unescorted merchant ship.
(A.C.N.S.(T). 1704B/9 to C. in C. E.I.etc.)

Suez Canal. obstructions.

Three ships and two hoppers are sunk in Suez Canal. Question of Removal.
(A.C.N.S.(T) 1835B/9 to N.O.I.C. Calcutta.)

China.

Indo-China.

Re: use of SI-KIANG.
(C. in C. China 1223Z/9 to Admty.)

America & West Indies.

U.S.Flight to Iceland.

Following received from Navy Dept., "Party of six officers. (Names.) Flying from Argentia arrive Iceland Tuesday 10/6 unless delayed. Request arrangements be made Reykjavik to facilitate air land and sea reconnaissance for about four days. On completion they will return by air to Argentia . Please expedite necessary action.(A. L.U.S.N.A., 0945/9, to Admty.)

/REVENGE....

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REVENGE H.X. 132.	Intend to sail REVENGE as ocean escort to H.X. 132 subsequently acting in accordance with your 1746+ B/8. (F.O.S. B.S., 1012P/9 to Admty.)
C.I.P. (French.)	Admty., 2330 B/8. Interception most undesirable cargo approved by U.S. Government. (N.A. Washington 1030/9 to C. in C.A.W.I.)
Newfoundland Force.	My 1623Z/31/5 to C.O.A.C. Halifax only. (i) With inclusion of RIMOUSKI and PICTOU in Newfoundland Force it is not desired for present to send further R.C.N.Corvettes to this force. Further Corvettes when worked up should be used for Sydney and Halifax local escorts at your discretion. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa 1618Z/9 to C.O.A.C. Halifax, N.O.I.C. Newfoundland.
Employment of Canadian Ships.	A.M. 1419B/7. (Request re Corvettes escorting HX 129 search for survivors of TREGARTHEN.) Request that Admiralty will when necessary divert H.M.C. Ships employed on Escort Duty without previous reference to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1639Z/9, to Admty.)
DUC D'AUMALE. French.	Sailed 5 p.m. today 9/6 for Martinique. On arrival here from West Indies she brought 30 ratings as replacements for French ships in port here. American authorities refused to allow ratings to leave DUC D'AUMALE and they are now being returned to Martinique in her. They succeeded in writing letter to Free French representative here stating that about 20 were anxious to join Free French. (Consul Gen., New York, 1710/9.)

/Consul.....

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DUC D'AUMALE. French. Contd.

Consul General New York's 1710/9 being passed to Admiralty and CARADOC. In view of special circumstances may DUC D'AUMALE be intercepted and Free French Volunteers removed?
(C. in C. A.W.I., 22320/9, to Admty.)
Reply: 0144/11.

Exchange of Captives.

Your 1151B (?/6.) Italian Gov., have informed U.S. authorities that they will release Lambert the moment an assurance has been received that Armando has been delivered to Italian authorities nearest to place where he is at present interned. Suggest U.S. diplomatic or Consular officer be asked to communicate direct with U.S. Embassy in Rome. (N.A. Washington 1710/9 to Admty.)

Newfoundland Command.

My 8395/6. Canadian Government approves proposals. Royal Canadian Navy accepts increased requirements in your para.4, and will endeavour comply with your para. 5 within few days. Canadian Govt., is in correspondence with Newfoundland Govt., but hopes U.K. Govt., will inform latter that new arrangement is made at U.K. request and with U.K. approval. (Ends.)
(U.K. High Commr., Canada 1816/9 to Dominions Office.)

RAMILLIES.

To part company with H.X. 130 and return to Halifax.
(A.C.N.S. (H). 1840B/9 to RAMILLIES.)

/Vichy.....

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Vichy Intelligence.

Following from State Dept. From Vichy dated 7/6 graded B.O. French Tankers ALBERTA and CAP D'AMIANI expected to sail from Marseilles for Roumania 19/6 Via Corinth Canal?
A (?German) Ship has arrived Caronte with Spanish minerals. French enquiries of Armistice Commission as to why she has proceeded to a Port with no adequate facilities for handling her cargo received reply that voyage was undertaken by private interests.
(N.A. Washington, 1901/9, to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

R.D.F. Gear.

Appreciated if information could be provided as to the scale of production envisaged for naval types of R.D.F. gear.
No material development, comparable in importance to R.D.F. and it is T.L's considered view that ships not fitted with R.D.F. are placed at a very serious tactical disadvantage.
(Controller 11225B/9 to N.O. Wellington.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

EIBERGEN (torpedoed 3/6.)	Arrived CAIRO with 35 survivors from EIBERGEN. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0720B/9, to Admty.)
ENSIS (torpedoed 8/6.)	Following has been read. Life boats of ENSIS 4846 N. 29 14 W. require assistance urgently. (Lands End Radio, 0858/9, 0902/9.) (C. in C. W.A., to OTTAWA, RICHMOND, MIGNONETTE.) My 2224B/8 for 58° 56' N., read 48° 46' N., (C. in C. W.A., 1303B/9 to OTTAWA RICHMOND.)
TREGARTHEN (torpedoed 6/6.)	C. in C. W.A., 1854/7. No sign of 3 boats of TREGARTHEN. P.C. and S. at 1200 G.M.T./9 045° 22' N., 040° 00' W., 283° 17 knots. RESTIGOUCHE in company, expected to arrive St.Johns, N.F.1900 G.M.T./10. (OTTAWA, 1037Z/9, to N.O.I.C. St. Johns etc.
MARIONGA (torpedoed 23/5.)	CITY OF RANGOON picked up three survivors from raft of MARIONGA at 0400Z/28, in 005° 42' N., 010° 29' W., Ship torpedoed at 0115Z/23 and sank in one minute. (S.O.I. Capetown, 1500/9, to Admty., etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

2347/8. German U-Boat at 2347 bearing 335° Class 3. (F.O.C.N.A. 0112A/9 to N.A. Stn.)

0214. German U-Boat at 0214 G.M.T. bearing 325° 3rd class. (F.O.C.N.A. 0353A/9 to N.A. Stn.)

1230. Aircraft report U-boat in position 034° 03' N., 014° 00' W., at 1230A/9 course 290° speed 14 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1257A/9 to N.A. Stn.)
My 1257 U-Boat altered course to 360° at 1255 - 260° at 1300 and 85° at 1320, speed 12 knots.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1451A/9, to Force H., VICTORIOUS.)

0015. D/F bearings including those from Freetown indicate U Boat within 50 miles of 14° 00' N., 25° 30' W., at 0015/9. This is on present route of convoy S.L.77. Request any further information available of this U Boat or others in neighbourhood of Verde Islands as it will be for consideration whether S L 77 should be re routed East of Verde Islands. (C. in C. S.A., 1337H/9, to Admty.)
Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1409B/9.)

1200/8. My 1334/8. U-Boat sighting at 1200/8 confirmed. Three A/S trawlers four M/L's hunting in vicinity of position. 50° 17' N., 03° 00' W.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1904/9.)

/Iceland.....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported Contd.

Iceland. Request you will signal the number of A/S vessels from 10th., 15th., and 21st. Groups available now for any A/S hunting operation in the vicinity of Iceland. (A.C.N.S. (H) 1910B/9 to F.O.I.C. Iceland.)

1853. Italian U-Boat bearing 250° 3rd Class from Gibraltar at 1853 G.M.T. (F.O.C.N.A. 2005A/9, to S.O. Force 'H' MORETON BAY, MARON, JONQUIL, WIVERN, M.L.3.)

2015. At 2015 in position 053° 54' N., 011° 15' W., By D/F bearing enemy unit 220° third class probably U. Boat. 4 letter Code. Can you give cross bearings? (Capt. D.4, 2031B/9 to Admty., F.O.C.N.A.) Your 2031B 9th. No bearing obtained. (F.O.C.N.A., 2212A/9, to Capt. D.4.)

2035. 1853. German U-Boat bearing 270° 3rd Class from Gibraltar at 2035 G.M.T. My 2005A. Cross bearing indicated U-Boat was in the vicinity 033° 40' N., 012° 40' W. (F.O.C.N.A., 2221/9, to S.O. Force H, etc.)

2019. By D/F at 2019 G.M.T. U Boat in position 47° 30' N., 9° 30' W. Unreliable fix. Probably homeward bound. (D.D.I.C. 2307B/9.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By ALOUETTE.

Am in company with ALOUETTE and searching vicinity of her attack. She attacked twice and sighted nothing. Propose to patrol as far as 012° W., in this latitude at daylight leaving ALOUETTE in Y I. Have effected temporary repairs to A/S Governor with saw blade but expect it to break again. Can patrol aircraft drop spare parts beside?
(SCOTTISH, 0030A/9, to F.O.C.N.A.)

By A/C.
(Gibraltar.)

Daily Summary Ops. 2 A/S searches West area covered 33° to 36° N., 13° to 15° W.
U-Boat sighted on surface middle of area. Attacked with 4 bombs. No hits. Flying curtailed by weather. Ref. summary 8/6.
U-Boat sighted on surface middle of area. Attacked with 4 bombs. No hits. In both cases U-Boat remained on surface during attacks using circling evasive tactics.
(200 Group, 1700/9.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Operations against Syria.
Torpedoing of U.S.S. ROBIN MOOR.

Home Commands.

The Motor-Boats TULIP and CLARKIA have been detailed to refit in the United States.

SOKOL, TRIDENT, TUNA, and RUBIS continue on the Bay of Biscay S/M Patrol; but RUBIS is damaged and may be returning on the surface to the Scilly Islands. TUNA had not made contact with her at 0505 today, but is still searching for her.

INGLEFIELD, ICARUS, and ACHATES arrived at Reykjavik at 1655 for the Denmark Strait Patrol

British Air Activity.

On arriving in the Clyde about 14/6, FURIOUS is to embark 9 operational swordfish A/C and up to 64 untropicalised long-range Hurricane 2 A/C at the Tail of the Bank.

Patrols BERT, SLEEVE, and STAND were flown today; and 3 Whitley A/C carried out an A/S sweep from 1800 to the westward of the Shetlands.

Aircraft operating off the coast of Norway today claim to have hit a 1900 ton merchant ship 20 miles S.W. of Stavanger.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy SAPPER, from Falmouth to Milford Haven, was attacked off the North Cornish Coast at 0150 this morning without result, and at 1702 VANITY was attacked, also without result, in nearly the same position.

At 2357 Convoy F.N.77 was bombed off Scarborough and S.S. CLEARPOOL was damaged. Finnish FENIX, bombed yesterday, sank at 1940 in 61° 54' N 12° 28' W. after her crew had been safely landed at Thorshaven by NORTHERN SKY.

Mining.

The PINTAIL (corvette) was mined and sunk near 62 Buoy, east of the Humber p.m. today whilst escorting Convoy F.N.77, S.S. ROYAL SCOT in the convoy was mined and sunk off Spurn Point this morning.

North Atlantic.

Operation "Tracer". Admiralty today ordered Operation "Tracer" to be carried out as soon as possible, Fulmars being used as guides if Blenheims have not arrived.

Gibraltar. A French Glen Martin reconnoitred Gibraltar at 0745 today.

A more adequate control over fishing craft and other small boats using Gibraltar is to be exercised.

SHEFFIELD. Is to operate in the area bounded by 44-45° N., 23-25°W from a.m./11 to p.m./14.

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South Atlantic.

Bathurst. Precautions at Bathurst against possible Vichy French attack were reported today by C. in C. S.A.,. Admiralty do not consider it necessary to tow oil lighters to Bathurst at present, as was suggested by C. in C. if an oiler is to be permanently removed..

Mediterranean.

Alexandria. Admiralty point out difficulties in carrying out reprisals for the bombing of civilian population at Alexandria.

Crete. C. in C. M.E. reports there is no indication that active resistance is still being carried on by British troops in any part of Crete.

Crete Survivors. H.Q. Middle East report that during today 230 Imperial troops drifted ashore on rafts at Sidi Barrani from Crete. They had drifted some 220 miles.

Ships bombed. DURENDA and RABY CASTLE reported being bombed this morning between Cyprus and Syria.

Dodecanese. Wellingtons last night bombed Maritza, Calato, and Kattavia aerodromes.

Enemy Convoy. 2 destroyers and 3 M.V.s were reported by aircraft steering 15° at 1302 today in 36.34N. 11.54 E.

Libya. 4 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi last night, hitting the Mole and 1 ship.

10 enemy aircraft bombed Matruh last night.

Destroyer.....

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

Aegean.

It is reported that the German S.S. SALZBURG was torpedoed and sunk with all hands off Imbros this morning; the Turkish General Staff state that the Italian tanker GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI was torpedoed 1045/10 15 miles from Cape Helles and was seen to sink (S/M concerned was probably TORBAY) and the sinking of the Roumanian JIUL and CARMEN SYLVA off Crete is reported.

Palestine and Syria.

Destroyer action 9/6.

Further details of the French destroyer action yesterday show that the French opened fire first on JANUS, JACKAL and HOTSPUR while on patrol, and JANUS was hit early. ISIS from inshore patrol, joined and with JACKAL and HOTSPUR chased the enemy to the Bar of Beirut, the superior speed of the French enabling them to escape. An enemy plane later bombed the British destroyers.

Naval Objectives.

The force under C.S.15 is to be disposed:
1. To prevent repetition of yesterday's French bombardment of our troops.
2. To hunt French submarines.
3. To bring French surface craft to action with superior force if they put to sea.
4. To support the left flank of the Army.
5. To have Swordfish bombers ready to attack. ships in harbour.
Ships are to spend a night in Haifa in turn.

Haifa Raid.

Haifa was raided from 0100 to 0500 today by about 80 aircraft but no damage to oil fuel plant was caused although a tanker was set on fire in harbour. There is no evidence of mines yet.

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East Indies.

Convoy C.M. 12. — C.M.12 (3 transports, escorted by CORNWALL) left Durban at 1500Z today for Suez.

Jibuti. — General de Gaulle wishes Free French SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA to continue the blockade of Jibuti until further orders from him.

America and West Indies.

U.S. patrols. — Patrols by U.S. Task Force 2 have been cancelled and the ships ordered to U.S. ports.

SURCOUF. — The patrol ordered for S/M SURCOUF on 29/5 was cancelled today by Admty.

U-Boat Campaign.

N.W. Approaches. — S.S. AINDERBY, Santos to U.K. independently routed, was torpedoed and sunk this morning 130 miles W by N of Bloody Foreland.

U.S.S. ROBIN MOOR. — U.S. Naval Attache, Rio, reported today that the American ship ROBIN MOOR was sunk on 21/5 in 06.15N., 25.30 W.,(about 950 miles N. of Cape Sao Roque, Brazil) all passengers and crew were eventually picked up. A British survivor stated that in his opinion the S/M was of class U.27 to U.36.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

TULIP
CLARKIA.

Admiralty's 1047B/17/5. TULIP and CLARKIA have been detailed to refit in America and will be ready to give leave from Liverpool on June 14th.
(C. in C. W.A., 1238B/10).

Special Rescue Ships.

Reference Minutes of meeting held in Trade Division on 30/5 to discuss special Rescue Ships. It is considered that the disadvantages of a minimum speed of 11 knots can be accepted if by so doing a larger number of ships can be made available for employment on this duty.
(C. in C. W.A., 1634B/10 to Admty).

Defence of United Kingdom.

Iceland
Propose
Artun as
combined
H.Q.

Following from Chiefs of Staff to F.O.I.C., G.O.C., and A.O.C., Iceland.
Combined Service Headquarters. When Operations against Iceland begin, essential that headquarters of three services shall be in one place. From here it seems this should be Artun. We would like the three headquarters to be together all the time but there is no objection to F.O.I.C. and A.O.C. keeping sub offices at Reykjavik.
(1st S.L., 0011B/10 to F.O.I.C. Iceland).
(War Office, 1745/10 to G.O.C., Iceland).

Londonderry
Lisahally.
Lough Foyle
A/A Defences.

Your 2308B/9. Scale quoted is to meet present requirements at Londonderry town and docks. In addition eight 3.7 guns and four bofors were recommended for development at Lisahally, and eight 3.7 guns and eight bofors for Lough Foyle anchorage. (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 1808B/10 to Admty).

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Movements.

GALATEA. GALATEA should complete fitting Type 284 if possible before sailing.
2. It is requested that GALATEA may be ordered to arrive in the Clyde in time for C.O. to attend convoy conference on 27/6.
3. If R.D.F. can be fitted early enough to allow her to be at the Clyde for a few days opportunity should be taken for her to carry out R.D.F. trials and practices at that port before sailing with convoy W.S. 9 (B). (D.O.D. H. 1844B/10).

BEVERLEY. Cancel my 1615B/8. BEVERLEY is to remain at Londonderry to work up.
(C. in C. W.A., 1904B/10).

ARETHUSA. Scapa arrival.
(A.C.O.S., 2138/10).

Operations.

Denmark Straits Patrol. Arrived D.3. ICARUS and ACHATES.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland 1655/10).

British Air Activity.

Bombing restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in area 73 North of 49° North be reimposed.
(F.O.S. 00198/10 to H.Q.C.C.)
OPS 630/10/6. Cancel my OPS 626/9/6.
(H.Q.C.C. 0415/10).

/A/C for.....

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British Air Activity - Contd.

A/C for FURIOUS.

On arrival in the Clyde approximately p.m. 14th June FURIOUS is to embark the following aircraft by lighter from Abbotsinch at the Tail of the Bank.
(a) Nine operational Swordfish of 816 Sqdn. together with Sqdn. stores and personnel.
(b) Up to 64 untropicalised long range Hurricane Twos with wings off, exact number to be determined by trial.
(A.C.N.S. H 1736B/10 to FURIOUS).

Patrols.

Three Whitleys will carry out A/S at 1800 above line of bearing 233° from position 59° N 6o W to depth of 250 miles. Similar sweep will be repeated tomorrow/11 to depth of 300 miles leaving datum first light.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1744/10)
Patrols BERT and SLEEVE now in operation. Patrol STAND will be flown later. No P.R.U. R/C today.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1958/10).

St. Nazaire or Lorient to be attacked.

Maximum available Aircraft of 53 Squadron to attack night 10-11/6 U Boat pens and torpedo store at St. Nazaire alternative target power station at Lorient last resort Lanveoc-Poulmic Aerodrome.
(Plymouth A.C.H.Q. 1833/10 to St. Eval).

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy SAPPER.

(Falmouth to Milford Haven) Is being attacked by enemy aircraft. Position 50° 33'N.5°[illegible]16' W
(TYNEDALE 0150/10).

FENIX (Bombed 9/6).

Entire crew of FENIX landed at Thorshavn by NORTHERN SKY.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes 1055B/10).

/Following received.....

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Enemy Air Activity.

FENIX (Bombed 9/6) Contd.	Following received from NORTHERN REWARD begins Have endeavoured to board FENIX. Parties unable to go alongside owing to heat of hull, Fire still smouldering in hold and bunker, ship listing to port and appears to be settling in the stern. My position 61° 54' N 12° 28' W 1153B/10. Request permission to sink by gunfire. (S.O.N.T., 1244/10 to F.O.C.N.P.). Your 1153B/10. When able to board report if ship can be salved. Tow towards Minches. (S.O.N.T., 1549B/10 to NORTHERN REWARD). FENIX sank 1940. Request instructions. My position 061° 37' N 012° 38' W. (NORTHERN REWARD 1942B/10). Enemy are bombarding my position 50° 46' N 4° 50' W. (VANITY , 1702/10).
Convoy CHITTY.	Fighters being sent to convoy CHITTY. (Liverpool, 2215 /10).
Convoy F.N. Odd.	Enemy A/C bombing convoy PILOT position 54° 18' N 0° 14' W. (CATTISTOCK. 2357/10).

Mining.

Spurn Point.	Following seven mines exploded 9.6.41. Details. (F.O. Humber, 0115B/10 and 0850B/10).
Dover Area.	Routine sweeping carried out to 0800/10. In Q.Z.S. 238 C One to No. 10 buoy by 4 Oropesa trawlers. Cut one very old and damaged German V-type mine 273° No. 10 buoy 2 miles. (V.A. Dover 1019B/10).
ROYAL SCOT (British 1444 tons) PINTAIL (Corvette).	Proceed immediately to vicinity 62 buoy and assist with survivors of two Ships reported mined. (N.O.I.C. Humber 1229B/10 to PINTAIL) Report whether mines are considered to be ground or contact and if ship is not PINTAIL. (C. in C. Nore., 1241B/10 to QUANTOCK).

/following.....

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Mining.

ROYAL SCOT (British 1444 tons) PINTAIL (Corvette) Contd.	Following received from JASON begins: Merchant ship ROYAL SCOT mined at 1150 5 Cables 070° from 62 buoy. PINTAIL at 1202B one Cable nearer buoy. Probably ground mines. Have 12 survivors from PINTAIL. (1335B/10 ends) (C. in C. Nore 1547B/10).
Falmouth.	At 0800/10/6. detonted acoustic Mine with S.A. gear. Details. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 1245/10). S.N.64 completed. (R.A.M. 1502/10).
Thames Estuary. SANSON (M/S Trawler) damaged.	2 S.A. Mines detonated on 9/6 and 2 on 10/6. as follows. Details. SANSON has sustained damage to condenser and other minor defects. Vessel will be out of action for considerable period. (Capt; M/S Sheerness, 1712/10).
Harwich Area. Wallet closed.	4 green mines having been detonted in about 51° 48.2' N 01° 21.4' E. at 1510/10, it is intended to close the Wallet until further sweeping. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1856B/10 and 1054B/11) 4 mines detonated by sweeper as follows. Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2251B/10 and and 1054B/11)

Enemy Intelligence.

Sturmboats.	My 1247/7 paragraph (b). Learn from dependable source that a number of Sturmboats are now part of German divisional equipment instead of being responsibility of engineers. Transit of Sturm uniform craft through Sassnitz and Finland is for the purpose of bringing divisions from Norway up to strength. Graded A.3. (N.A. Stockholm, 1531/10).

/Reported.....

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Enemy Intelligence. - Contd.

Reported Warship in Great Belt.

1. Large warship, type undiscernable, passed Great Belt northwards night of 2/3 June.
2. Above information just received by our Belt organization which we believe is again active. This was not reported before as observer states he could not identify vessel. Graded B.3.
(N.A. Stockholm 1644/10).
N.I.D. Comment.
This report is considered unreliable as with the exception of the 3 ships at Brest there is good reason to believe all German main units are in the Baltic.
This and similar reports recently received probably originate from German sources.

Enemy Transport Movements.

My 2209/9. Cancel paragraph 2 (D).
It now appears following movements are taking place.
(A) Oslo division southward destination for Finnish Bothnian Port.
(B) 100 first division from Trondjhem northwards.
(C) Alpine division from Lofoten latitudes Northwards. Graded A.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 2138/10).

Casualties and Defects.

RUBIS.

Your 0356B/9th. No contact after four hour search. Area of search verified series 4 sight commencing 0540B/9th. My position is 046° 18' N 10° 40' W.
(TUNA, 0505B/10 to F.O.S.)
TUNA's 0505B/10.
(A) If you are making reasonable progress towards Scillys report your position when North of 48° 30' N.

/(B) If you.....

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RUBIS - Contd.

(B) If you are endeavouring to centralise rudder or repair steering gear and have hopes of success do not break W/T silence.
(C) If you have no hopes of success act as Follows. Report youy position at 2305B/10 if more than 10 miles from 46º 46' N 10º 32' W Fire one night grenade at 20 mins. and 50 mines. past each hour from 2245 until 0530.
(D) Until I hear from you, TUNA will continue to search for you between dusk and dawn each night in vicinity of your last reported position.
(E) TUNA should not break W/T silence again for reporting a negative result of search. (F.O.S., 1158B/10 to RUBIS).

CHESTERFIELD. Arrived with steering engine defects. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1025B/10).

MILTRAP. (British 320 tons). Ashore at Fifeness. Has been refloated and is now berthed at Anstruther. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1201/10).

SHIKARI. Cancel my 2205B/9/6. Owing recurrence engine defect sailing postponed. Estimated delay 24 hours. (N.O.I.C. Barrow, 1228B/10).

PROFIT (Norwegian 1608 tons). Following received from Butt of Lewis. Ship, classification unknown, 025º 20 miles in need of assistance. 1230 ends. Request instructions. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway, 1259B/10).
Your 1259. Request you will sail FREEBOOTER with despatch. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1320/10 to N.O.I.C. Stornoway.)
My 1259B/10. Tug has been recalled. (Stornoway, 1530B/10).
Arrived Stornoway FleetTug FREEBOOTER. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 1758B/10).
N.O.I.C. Greenock's 1326/10 reference PROFIT. E.T.A. Portland now 0815/11. Request escort to cover this period. (C. in C. Plymouth, 2334/10 to H.Q.F.C.)

/MELROSE ABBEY.....

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Enemy Intelligence.- Contd.

MELROSE ABBEY, (Grounded 28/3). — Tug ABEILLE IV returned to Peterhead. Operation unsuccessful. (N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 1815/10).

LADY PHILOMENA. — (A/S Trawler) Arrived Humber having lost anchor and cable and fractured winch casting. (F.O. Humber, 1900B/10).

Shipping and Convoys.

Newhaven as discharged port. — Your 1723B/7, concur. (M. of W.T. wish to include ships in C.W. Convoys for discharge Newhaven.) (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1524/10 to Admty).

Vesca telegrams. — From 1/6 Admiralty have taken over the promulation of the outward Vesca to Naval Authorities abroad. Estimated dates of arrival in ports abroad indicated in these Signals are taken from E.T.A.'s provided by N.C.S.O.'s in outward routeing forms. Essential that this information should be calculated as accurately as possible. (D.T.D. 1659B/10 to N.C.S.O.s)

S.C.32. — Commodore Rear Adm. E.W. Leir. Arrived complete 18 British, 1 neutral, 8 allied. (Cargoes.) (D.S. 644, 10/6).

H.X. 126 — Attacked by U-Boat in about 40° W. Convoy scattered and reformed same day, following ships sunk - NORMAN MONARCH, HARPAGUS, DARLINGTON COURT, ROTHERMERE, COCKAPONSET, JOHN P. PEDERSEN, BRITISH SECURITY, ELUSA and BARNBY. (D.T.D. 1940B/10 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

H.X.127. — Rerouted. All 56 ships present at R.V. GRAVELINES which straggled later torpedoed, fore-end salved. (D.T.D. 1941B/10 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

H.X.128 — Re-routed, three stragglers of which EMPIRE STORM torpedoed and sunk. INGER LISE and LA PAZ too slow and transferred to S.C.32. Much fog but calm. (D.T.D. 1942B/10 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Operation "Tracer".	Carry out operation TRACER as soon as possible using Fulmars as guides if Blenheims have not arrived. (1st S.L. 0051B/10 to F.O. Force H).
French A/C Reconn.	One French G.M. Recco: over Gibraltar at 0745. (F.O.C.N.A. 0822A/10 to S.O. Force H).
FURIOUS. ARGUS. NEA HELLAS.	F.O.C.N.A's 1142B/6 and 1214/8. R/V for FURIOUS, ARGUS, NEA HELLAS and A/S escort is 47° N. 24° W. at 1200B/11. FURIOUS' destination is Clyde. (A.C.N.S. (H) 0950B/10 to FURIOUS, ARGUS, etc.).
Gibraltar Evacuations.	Your 1724A/9, confirm that all arrangements should be made on the assumption that SCYTHIA calls at Gibraltar. (D.O.D. (F) 1120B/10 to F.O.C.N.A).
F.A.A. Sqdns.	Decided that 816 Sqn. will relieve 818 Sqn. in near future. 818 Sqn. will return to U.K. (5th S.L. 1258B/10 to R.A.N.A.S, ARK ROYAL).
COREOPSIS FLEUR DE LYS. STELLA CARINA.	COREOPSIS and FLEUR DE LYS to remain with H.G. 64 and transfer to O.G. 64 with S/M O.21 as directed by C. in C. W.A. STELLA CARINA to part company from H.G. 64 at 2300B/10th and proceed to Gibraltar through 036° 00' N. 015° 00' W. (F.O.C.N.A. 1304A/10 to CORSOPSIS, FLEUR DE LYS, STELLA CARINA.)
Force H.	E.T.A. 0400A/11.2.Have Blenheims arrived, if not when expected?. 3. Submarine heading S.W. dived in position 035° 31' N. 014° 12' W. at 0750A/10. Ref. Admty. 0944B/10, Force H was in position 035° 34' N. 017° 05' W. at this time steering as indicated. 4. Request all Fulmars be sent to land on ARK ROYAL in position 035° 50' N. 008° 25' W. at 2030A, course 090° 24 knots, frequency 348.8 kcs. (S.O. Force H 1430A/10 to F.O.C.N.A).

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Force H. -Contd.	Your 1430/10 para 2. No. Expected to leave England tomorrow 11/6. Para. 4 arranged. (F.O.C.N.A. 1814A/10 to S.O. Force H.)
SHEFFIELD.	Will be operating in the area bounded by 45° N. 44° N. 23° W. 25° W. from a.m./11 until p.m./14. (D.O.D. (F) 1621B/10 to Western Patrol).
Gibraltar Security.	Considered necessary to provide a more adequate control over fishing craft and other small boats. Proposals. (F.O.C.N.A. 1854A/10 to Admty.).
PANDORA.	Sailed. E.T.A. 26/6. (S.5 1915B/10 to F.O.C.N.A).

South Atlantic.

NORFOLK. SCYTHIA. SHROPSHIRE.	Your 1715N/9 approved. My 1243B/9. Request you will inform F.O.C.N.A. (A.C.N.S. (F) 0113B/10 to C. in C.S.A).
Air Squadrons for Bathurst. S.S. DUMANA.	My X 802 2/6 1810/2. Details of wireless equipment. (Air Ministry 0930/10 to R.A.F. Bathurst).
W.S.9A.	Following transports sailed U.K. 3/6 in convoy W.S.9A. List, contents, arrangements. (D.O.D.(F) 1014B/10 to C. in C.S.A., etc).
ABOSSO. (Use as troopship)	Your 1131N/7 approved. (D.O.D.(F) 1121B/10 to C. in C.S.A).

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C.M. 12. — Convoy Leaving Telegram. 1500Z/10, escort CORNWALL. Consists of ILE DE FRANCE, MAURETANIA, NIEUW AMSTERDAM, all Suez 20/6. (N.C.S.O. Durban 1530Z/10 to Admty. etc.).

ABOSSO. — My 1131/7 proceeding Port Harcourt will embark Nigerian battalion there and bring to Freetown arriving about 19/6. (C. in C. S.A. 1903N/10 to Admty.).

Situation at Bathurst. LISS. — LISS moving away. Merchant ships to leave as soon as possible, those arriving told to move to Freetown without loading. (C. in C. S.A. 1335N/10 to Admty.).
Your 1135N/8. Not considered desirable to tow oil lighters to Bathurst at present. (A.C.N.S. (F) 2057B/10 to C. in C. S.A).

Gibraltar evacuations. — Your 1724/9 SCYTHIA should sail 13/6 and arrive Gibraltar about 21/6, and arrive Gibraltar about 21/6. Accommodation. (C. in C.S.A. 2027N/10 to F.O.C.N.A).

Service Personnel. — Your 1359/6 received today. Request I may be informed whether three prisoner of war ships are to proceed unescorted and whether merchant seamen in EMPRESS OF CANADA are to be regarded as service personnel. Admty. 1958/14/5 not received. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown, 2134B/10 to Admty. etc)

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Raids on Alexandria.	Reply to C. in C. Med. 1354/8 re reprisals. (1st S.L., 0117B/10 to C. in C. Med.) See Mediterranean Volume. See also 1540/10.
Wrecks.	TRIUMPH reports 3 wrecks dangerous to navigation lie in position 031° 37' 015° 38'. (Capt. S.1., 04370/10 to TAKU).
DURENDA bombed.	From Malta W/T. Following has been read. From DURENDA. DURENDA bombed position 34.45 N. 34.42. (Nore W/T, T.O.R. 0738/10). From Malta following has been read: - 34.34 N. 34.34 E. DURENDA, resuming attack, one plane, replying with A/A, position 34.34 N 34.34 E. (Nore W/T, 0907/10).
RABY CASTLE bombed.	From Malta W/T. Following has been read 34.25 N., 34.15 E. RABY CASTLE bombed. (Nore W/T, no T.O.O. Recd. 0847/10); From Malta W/T. Following has been read. AAAA 34.21 N. 25. 07 E. RABY CASTLE. (Nore W/T 0843/10) Note different position.
PROTECTOR FLAMINGO.	Proceed to Haifa with despatch. (C. in C. Med., 08560/10 to PROTECTOR, FLAMINGO).
JANUS.	On arrival of PROTECTOR and FLAMINGO request you will sail JANUS in tow of PROTECTOR escorted by FLAMINGO for Port Said. Report nature of damage of JANUS. (C. in C. Med. 09180/10 to N.O.I.C. Palestine).

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Benghazi, Derna, Bombed.	Operational Summary No. 365 up to 1200 hours 10/6/41. Part 2. Night 8/9 5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi. 1 Wellington bombed Derna Barracks.
Rhodes bombed.	Dodecanese Night 8/9. 4 Wellingtons bombed objectives on Rhodes Island. 3 direct hits on Northern Mole, Rhodes Harbour. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1112/10).
SALZBURG. (German).	Passed Chanak 18.30 Turkish time 9/6 for Aegean Sea. (N.A. Angora 1116/10 to C. in C. Med.).
M.L's.	Your 1344/8th. Is confirmed additional M.L's will probably be required. (C. in C. Med. 11180/10 to Admty.).
ALBERTA (French) (torpedoed 6/6)	My 1140/8. On demand of French N.A. Turks sent steamer TIRHAN to try towing ALBERTA when lying East of Mavro stern aground. TIRHAN abandoned attempt yesterday when torpedo narrowly missed her. ALBERTA was fetchin oil to Marseilles. Torpedoed twice in engine room at 1330 and 1440/6. S/M did not surface. TIRHAN expected Istanbul today with ALBERTA officers and crew who are all reported very pro British. (N.A. Istanbul, 1204/10 to S.O.I. Med.).
Haifa Raid.	Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40. Air raid on Haifa lasting approx. 0100 to 0500/10. Several bombs dropped harbour area some of which failed to explode, shore area concerned cordoned, one actually in Custom House, action being taken. No evidence as to mines at present but further check being made. No damage to oil fuel. (N.O.I.C: Haifa 1219/10 to C. in C. Med.) .

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Enemy Convoy.	P.C. and S. of enemy, 2 destroyers 3 merchant vessels 36.34 N., 11.54 E., 015° 10 knots. -1302. (A/C. H.S. 1317/10 to Hal Far R.A.F. Stn.).
Italian Fleet, Dodecanese.	Turkish General Staff report persistent rumours from Leros elements of Italian Fleet expected immediately in East Mediterranean. C. in C. Med. informed. (N.A. Angora, 1459/10 to Admty.) Comment by N.I.D. No confirmation of this report but it is not unlikely that ships based in the Dodecanese are to be relieved as many are due for relief.
Crete.	No indication that active resistance is still being carried on by British troops in any part of Crete. (C. in C. M.E. 1500/10 to W.O.
Reprisal for Alexandria Raids.	Your 0117/10. I appreciate difficulties but if any (?deterrent) can be suggested for bringing home to enemy undesirability of bombing the civil population in Alexandria I hope it will be put into effect. (Reasons) Of very greatest importance to find some deterrent if this port and subsequently Port Said and Suez (? outer defences) are not to be paralysed. (C. in C. Med., 15400/10 to Admty.).
Malta, Air Report.	CSR Malta up to 1600 hours 10/6 times G.M.T. 10/6. 1315 hours 4 Me. 110' s approached to within 5 miles of Grand Harbour. 17 Hurricanes up no interception due faulty R.T. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1600/10).

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ANTWERP and MALINES.	Ex-Channel steamers originally designated for service in the Mediterranean. Have the following characteristics:- Should be ready to leave U.K. by end of July. Are they of any service to you? (A.C.N.S. (F) 1722B/10 to C. in C. Med.) Reply: Invaluable, 1247/12.
LEANDER.	Has joined Mediterranean Station. Personnel and conditions of service. (C. in C. M.F. 1724C/10 to N.Z.N.B) See Lion Copy.
Canal Salvage Operations.	My 1733/2. Least depth of channel throughout canal is now 36 feet with minimum width 118 feet at km. 141.8. (S.B.N.O. Suez, 1837C/10 to Admty.).
JANUS. (damaged 9/6).	Your 0918C/10 JANUS will not be ready to leave before p.m/11. Hoped if all goes well to sail her then. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 2036C/10 to C. in C. Med.).
ANNARELLA DORA C. (Italian).	C.A.F.O. 1125. Reported to be (?passing) Istanbul tonight 10th for Aegean. (Captain (S) 1 2203C/10 to TETRARCH).
ANNELIESE ESSBERGER. ERNST HUGO STINNES II (German).	C.A.F.O. 1125, 1940 Nos. 35. (ANNELIESE ESSBERGER) and 189 (ERNST HUGO STINNES II) (?reported) to be (?passing) Istanbul tonight 10th for Aegean. (Capt. S.1., 2203C/10 to TETRARCH).

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AJAX, destroyers.

AJAX Capt. (D) 10 GRIFFIN HERO DEFENDER R/V end of Haifa Swept Channel at 1200 or time ordered by AJAX and join me off Tyre. (C.S. 15, 0735/10 to AJAX, Capt. D.10). Join me off Tyre now with moderate despatch. (F.O. 15 C.S., 07380/10 to Capt. D.2, JAGUAR).

Action with French Destroyers 9/6.

My (? 1949) C/9 and 23210/9. Following report of action received from ISIS (begins) French opened fire first on JANUS, JACKAL and HOTSPUR while on patrol. JANUS hit early. ISIS from inshore patrol joined JACKAL and HOTSPUR and chased enemy to bar of Beirut. Superior speed of enemy enabled them to escape. Enemy plane later bombed British ships. T.O.O. 22300/9. (ends). (C. in C. Med., 09460/10 to Admty.).

Objectives.

Force under your command should be disposed to best advantage to fulfil following tasks.
1. To prevent any repetition of yesterday's French bombardment of our troops.
2. To hunt French submarines if they remain at sea.
3. To bring French surface craft to action with superior force should they again put to sea.
4. To support left flank of Army as called upon.
5. Have Swordfish bombers ready to attack ships in harbour but do not initiate attack without orders from me.
6. In the course of these operations it is desirable to allow ships to spend a night in Haifa in turn, not more than one cruiser and three destroyers being in at a time. (C. in C. Med. 11080/10 to C.S. 15).

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Air Report.
Operational summary No. 365 up to 1200 hours 10/6.

Syria.
Following operations in support our troops. 9/6 Hurricanes and Australian Tomahawks made total 28 Sorties covering H.M. ships operation between Haifa and Sidon. French aircraft endeavoured to attack. 1 Potez 2 Moranes 1 Bloch severely damaged probably destroyed. 3 Hurricanes missing.
2. Palestine.

Haifa bombed.
Night of 9/10, Haifa bombed for 3½ hours by approx. 20 enemy aircraft suspected to have come from Dodecanese. Power Station and Shemen Oil Works damaged but not seriously. 1 Tanker set on fire in harbour. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1111/10)
See also following signal.

X.8950. A.678 10/6.
Daily Intelligence Summary No. 26 to 0800 hours.

French A/C attacking ships.
1 Potez 63 attacking naval ships shot down by 3 Hurricanes 1100 hours approx. 3 Hurricanes 80 Sqn. engaged 3 Bloch 200 attacking naval ships off Tyre 1530. 1 Bloch 200 seen descending over sea not confirmed. 6 Morane 406 attacked Hurricanes same time and 2 Hurricanes failed to return. 3 Hurricanes 80 Sqn. engaged 3 Moranes 6 M N.W. Tyre 1540 2 Moranes confirmed fell in sea. 1 Hurricane shot down but pilot recovered.

Haifa Raid.
Enemy aircraft attacked Haifa in 3 waves 0155 0432 hours LSt. presumed objective I.P.C. Power Station and Harbour.
Enemy aircraft made total 57 runs and bombed with deliberation but little effect.
Power Station out of action approx. 2 hours and fire from broken petrol pipe quickly extinguished, few casualties, none serious.
A.A. in action reported destroyed 2 and 1 unconfirmed.
1 enemy aircraft flying boat reported shadowing naval ships off Syrian coast 0730 hours. 10/6. (H.Q. P. and T.J. 1425/10).

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Enemy S/M's Beirut.	From air reconnaissance at 0855/9 believed three submarines left Beirut. (C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 15190/10 to N.O.I.C. Cyprus).
COVENTRY. JACKAL.	COVENTRY escorted by Capt. D.2 and JACKAL will leave Haifa 0630/11/6 to join you. Signal R/V to COVENTRY. (C.S. 15 19250/10 to AJAX). C.S.15's 19250/10. R/V 08000/11th 033° 12' 034° 58'. (AJAX 23220/10 to COVENTRY).
R.A.F. Striking Force.	A.33 10/6. Request you report if E.A. likely to attack any particular time. Can arrange large striking force if you can give time indication. (H.Q. P and T.J. 2140/10 to 15 C.S).
Situation Report No. 52.	Syria. Our forces continue to operate off Syrian Coast with four destroyers as A/S striking force and cruisers and other destroyers in close support of army. Bombardment has apparently been carried out in Iunsaiye Area but with difficulty due to uncertainty of our military positions.
Survivors from Crete.	One M.L.C. with Major Garrett R.M. 5 officers and 134 other ranks arrived Sidi Barrani area night 8/9 having left Crete on 1st. Another M.L.C. with 55 men reported to be in vicinity.
JANUS.	Haifa bombed night 9/10 but no damage. JANUS has arrived Haifa. Will be towed 11th to Port Said. (C. in C. Med., 23020/10 to Admty.).

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East Indies.

EMERALD. To leave Colombo at 1200Z/11/6 and proceed Singapore arriving a.m. 16/6. (C. in C. E.I. 0740Z/10 to EMERALD).

Aircraft cargoes Shatt-el-Arab. S.N.O. Persian Gulf 1731/4. Air Ministry X 358 12/4 not received, but fully agree everything possible should be done to avoid these valuable cargoes having to pass thought restricted waters and be off-loading at port both of which may suddenly suffer severe attacks from air. (C. in C. E.I. 0748Z/10 to Admty.).

SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. Your 0506Z/8. General De Gaulle wishes SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA to continue blockade of Jibuti until further orders from him. 0615Z/10. (Mideast, 1110/10 to C. in C.E.I).

DIDO. Cancel A.T. 1945/7. DIDO should be sailed as convenient after Operation "Chronometer" for refit in U.S.A. at Brooklyn Navy Yard. Request intended programme. (A.C.N.S. (F). 2011B/10 to C. in C. E.I).

China.

MUNSTERLAND. Kobe arrival 9/6 MUNSTERLAND. (Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0207Z/10 to Admty. etc).

SEAMEW. Has not docked since February, 1939. Clear that Japanese will not agree to her relief or to her return if she leaves Canton Consul-General sees no objection to her withdrawal, and Governor Hong Kong considers question turns on our post war intentions regarding extra territorial rights -I suggest question of possible loss of prestige is the really important one, and if that can be accepted we should now withdraw her for other more useful service. (C. in C. China, 0747Z/10 to Admty.).

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Indo-China.	F.E.W. 34. Supply of oil is being withheld pending satisfactory assurances from Decoux as to destination of French Indo China rubber. (C.O.I.S. Far East 0944Z/10 to Admty. etc.)
D'ARTAGNAN. (French).	Extract from a Fairmiss telegram. Arrival D'ARTAGNAN. (Shanghai, 2358Z/10 to M. of W.T).

America and West Indies.

OPALIA.	Report when expect OPALIA will sail empty for Curacao. (Head of M. 0003B/10 to C. in C A.W.I). Your 0003B/10/6 OPALIA sailed (empty?) for Curacao 8/6 vide N.C.S.O. Bermuda 1948Q/ 8/6. (C. in C. A.& W.I. 1543Q/10 to Admty.)
DUC d'AUMALE. (French).	Extract from Fairmiss telegram:- Departure 9/6 Martinique 10/6. (New York 0150Z/10 to D. of S.T).
WARSPITE.	ARMUK 341 9/6 Your UKARM 424. WARSPITE is being taken at U.S. Navy Yard Bremerton. Request approx. date arrival be communicated. (Ends) (1633/9) (BARM 0738/10 to Admty.)
U.S. Flight to Iceland.	Ref. my 0945/89, flight will consist of two or three twin-engined patrol seaplanes and will depart when weather permits, Officer in control of flight being directed give notification of flight to American Consul and Local Military Authorities through station ship at destination. (A.L.U.S.N.A. 1000/10 to Admty.).
ROBIN MOOR.	U.S. ship, torpedoed 21/5. (A.L.U.S.N.A. 1010/10) See U-Boat Campaign.

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French Fishing Vessels intercepted.	My 1420Z/20. Sub Lieut. Armour R.C.N.V.R., of St. Croix has brought French fishing Schooner MADIANA into St. Johns N.F. today and reports that 3 masted DUCHASSELEY is off S.W. coast of Greenland. Crew of MADIANA profess and behave as pro-British. Sub Lieut. Bell R.C.N.V.R., has also arrived with French Fishing vessel LIGHT OF CALAIS. (N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F. 1020Z/10, to Admty
U.S. Task Patrols Cancelled.	Patrols by U.S. Task Force 2 have been cancelled. Ships of this force have been ordered to U.S. ports. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1302Q/10, to Admty.)
"R" Report. BRITISH POWER.	Following has been read. RRRR 1453 GMT BRITISH POWER 42.57 N., 35.10W., suspicious 1450 GMT/10 DE VCS bearing 88R5 approx., from Camperdown, signals very weak. (Halifax W/T, 1455/10.) Following has been read, From Valentia Radio RRRR 52.57 N., 35.10 W., BRITISH POWER suspicious 1452/10. (Land's End Radio, 1505/10.) (Note,different position.) Following has been read. R R R R 1507 G.M.T. BRITISH POWER, please cancel my 1450/ 10. (Halifax W/T, 1510/10.)
SURCOUF patrol.	Cancel my 2254B of 29/5. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1616B/10 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
"R" Report.	Following has been read:- RRRR DE GCK. From unknown Vessel 43.12 N., 35.36 W.,wait for further particulars 1449/10 - 1456/10 G.M.T. (Valentia Radio, T.O.R. 1725/10.)
T.C.12.	Requirements and date. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1901Z/10). See Operations Volume.

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JEAN BART DUNKERQUE and WALDECK. - ROUSSEAU.	From U.S. Graded C.O. Have left Toulon convoying troops believed for North Africa and Syria. Information stated to emanate from Dresden. (N.A. Wash. 1931/10 to Admty.)

Australia.

Suspicious A/C, and ships 9/6.	An unidentified twin-engined Monoplane approached Settlement of Kavieng (New Ireland) at 0400 Z/9 from N., flying at 7000 feet and returned N. No markings visible. A reliable European reported having sighted 3 large ships and 2 small ships manoeuvring off Sali (Near Pangalava Sea, New Ireland) 0600 Z/9. Natives report a flying boat landed to S.E. of North Cape (New Ireland) morning/9 and fuelled. An unidentified coal-burning vessel passed Lorengau (Admiralty Islands) 1610 Z/9 Course W. Consider aircraft sighted Kavieng was shore-based Japanese. (A.C.N.B., 1109Z/10, to Admty. etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

ROBIN MOOR. (sunk 21/5).

U.S. Naval Attache Rio reports "American S.S. ROBIN MOOR sunk 21/5 in 06.15 N. 25.30 W. One Boat with 11 of crew picked up by Brazilian S.S. OZORIO, 00.46. N. 37.37 W. The OZORIO is searching vicinity and Brazilian Navy has ordered ships in vicinity to take up search. Survivors state three other boats missing with 27 crew and 8 passengers including one child and 3 women". Any information received by Admiralty will be appreciated. (A.L.U.S.N.A., 1010/10 to Admty.)
Your 1010/10. Admiralty had no previous information. On date mentioned at 2347B Freetown W/T intercepted distress message S.S.S. torpedoed 6° 25' N. 23° W. originated by an unknown ship. This message has been thought to have come from S.S. TEWKESBURY reported sunk at 2345B/21 in 6° N., 24° W. undoubtedly by U/B. Position of TEWKESBURY and presumably of ROBIN MOOR given by survivors may be inaccurate and if so U/B probably sank both. (D.D.I.C. 1955B/10 to A.L.U.S.N.A).

BARNBY (H.X. 126) (torpedoed 22/5)

British, 4813 tons. Sunk by S/M 22/5 375 miles S.W. by W. Reykjanes. (D.S. 644 10/6).

MARIONGA (torpedoed 23/5)

Greek, 4214 tons. Torpedoed and sunk in Freetown area 23/5. 2 survivors landed Monrovia. (D.S. 644 10/6).

WALDEMAN. GEELNARD.

Entire crew of FENIX landed at Thorshavn by NORTHERN SKY. Master of WALDEMAN GEELNARD died of wound, one other minor casualty. This ship was stopped by German U-Boat 1/6 in approx. position 580 miles 070° St. Johns N.F. and allowed to proceed after sight of papers. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1055B/10 to A.C.O.S.)

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Unknown Ship. My 1115 (N.T. in W.D) Torpedoed ship sunk 12 men in boat. (A/C Duty Q, 1215/10).
Lifeboat 20 survivors 55.26 N. 11.58 W. am circling until further instructions. (A/C Call Sign T9OH 1301/10 to 15 (R) Group H.Q).
BB 2 lifeboats survivors 55.38 N., 11.17 W. no ship near. (A/C Call Sign Y6VC 1350/10 to 15 (R) Group H.Q).
Detail one Trawler to pick up survivors from lifeboats of unknown ship (1) in position 55° 26' N. 11° 58' W. (2) in position 55° 38' N. 11° 17' W. at about 1330B/10. Trawler report name when well -clear of Convoy. (C. in C. W.A. 1427B/10 to VETERAN).
BBB Found help for survivors. (A/C Y6VC 1450/10 to 15 (R) Group H.Q).
Your 1427. KINGCUP already detached. VETERAN and CHELSEA sent to hunt this morning as ordered by your 1020. (VENOMOUS, 1600/10 to C. in C.W.A).

AINDERBY. British 4860 tons, from Santos for Oban and Tyne. Have all survivors from AINDERBY sunk 1030/10 one boat only. Position 55.37 N. 12.09 W. Proceeding to second position in your 1427B/10 thence as in your 1029B. (VETERAN, 1710B/10 to C. in C.W.A).
All survivors from AINDERBY in one boat only picked up by VETERAN. KINGCUP search for remaining two boats in 55° 38' N. 11° 17' W. at about 1330B/10, VETERAN and CHELSEA hunt U/B two of which may be in area. (C. in C.W.A. 2046B/10 to KINGCUP, -VETERAN).
Searching area S. and E. 055° 37' N. 012° 10' W. to comply your 1109B, covering HX 129 and search for boats pending further U boat information. ST. ALBANS NEWMARKET CHELSEA and aircraft in company KINGCUP joining.
27 survivors AINDERBY. (VETERAN, 2107B/10 to C. in C. W.A).

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ENSIS
(torpedoed 8/6) My 1625B/8. If survivors have not been found by dark tonight 10th proceed in execution of previous orders.
(C. in C. W.A. 1858B/10 to MIGNONETTE).

ADDA
(torpedoed 8/6) My 2306N/8/6. N.C.S.I. 69. (A) ADDA (B) 8/6 0?45 G.M.T. 08.30 N. 14.39 W. (C) (D) Dumped. (E) Yes. Over 100 fathoms. Commodres -books dumped in separate bag. (G) Master. Ship sunk by one torpedo. (C. in C. S.A. 1900N/10 to Admty.)

DIRPHYS, (Greek, 4240 tons), Swansea for Montreal Torpedoed 0100Z/8 in vicinity of 047° 44' N. 039° 02' W. About 1030Z/10 047° 33' 30" N. 040° 29' 30" W. S/M surfaced and fed survivors. S/M carried guns forward and A/A aft length about 250 feet. At 1430Z/10 in vicinity of 047° 34' 30" N. 040°11' 45" -picked up 19 survivors. My asdic out of action. Informed by (? mate of) DIRPHYS on 4/6 in vicinity of 047° 50' N. 034° (?) W. fore end of tanker seen above water drifting in S.E. direction. (ORILLIA 2020Z/ 10 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.).

Submarines Reported.

0109. At 0109 G.M.T. bearing 262° second class, German Submarine. (F.O.C.N.A. 0249A/10 to N.A. Stn).
Bearing of German U-Boat at 0109 G.M.T. Cupar 214/2 Portrush 203/2 Scarborough 224/2 Lydd 227/2 Baldock 221/2. (F.O.C.N.A. 0501A/10 to MARON, MORETON BAY).

0209. Enemy submarine in position (? 016° 30' N. 017° 30' W. at 0209/10. (F.O.C.N.A. 1103B/10 to N.A. Stn);

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Submarines Reported.-Contd.

1155 — At 1155 German submarine bearing 312° 2nd Class. (F.O.C.N.A. 1111A/10 to N.A. Stn.).

U.37. past positions. — Your 1011N/8. This is possible but should not be regarded as certain. (D.D.I.C. 1113B/10 to C. in C.S.A).

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1439B/10).

Submarines Attacked.

Following has been read via Liverpool W/T. Am over Enemy submarine in position 55.30 N. 10.20 W. (? 1005/10).
Following received from an aircraft via Liverpool W/T. QQQ Enemy S/m previous reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 000 estimated speed 6 knots. Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate unknown number of hits but oil seen 0930. (? 1024B/10).
QQQ Oil wake moving 360 11 2 knots. (? 1035/10).
Attack U Boat bombed by aircraft in position 55° 32' N. 11° 40' W. at 0933B/10.
Aircraft co-operating. (C. in C. W.A. 1025B/10 to ST. ALBANS, NEWMARKET.)
Detach two destroyers to hunt U/Boat bombed by aircraft in position 55° 32' N. 11° 40 W. -at 0933B/10. ST. ALBANS NEWMARKET and aircraft co-operating, destroyers detached report names when well clear of Convoy. (C. in C. W.A., 1029B/10 to VETERAN).

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Submarines Attacked-Contd.

Sail all available Corvettes not required for escort duties in near future to attack U Boat reported in my 1025B/10. (C. in C. W.A., 1056B/10 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).
Following has been read. From an aircraft via Liverpool W/T. Negative 1005. (? 1116/10) Your 1029B. Aircraft which attacked informed me position 055° 40' N. 012° 45' W. Am proceeding through it. (VETERAN, 1445B/10 to C. in C. W.A).
Corvettes should arrive in vicinity about midnight. VETERAN organise U/boat hunt with all surface craft in area. (C. in C. W.A., 2310B/10 to VETERAN).
Have been hunting with VETERAN, CHELSEA and NEWMARKET since 1830. (ST. ALBANS, 2230B/10 to C. in C. W.A).

By BEGONIA.

At 2330/10 dropped D/C's on oil patch preceded by contact. (A.3) in 55.17 N., 9. 42 W., 279° Bloody Foreland 50' (D.S. 646 12/6).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

C. in C. H.F. recommends that A.M.C's be withdrawn from Denmark Straits patrol.

Serious shortage of cruisers and destroyers in Home Fleet.

Heavy air attack on German Naval units at Brest.

Assab captured.

Home Commands.

There are now no German Main Naval Units in Norwegian waters. Except for the 3 ships at Brest they are all believed to be in the Baltic.

C. in C.H.F. considers the present shortage of Cruisers and Destroyers in the Home Fleet to be serious and states that outside calls upon them must be reduced. In view of the new enemy policy of disposing U-Boats near our Cruiser Patrols, he considers that A.M.C's on patrol in the Denmark Straits are merely a liability and should be replaced forthwith by small craft. He points out that the maximum number of Destroyers available to escort Troop Convoy 11 from Canada will be six.

MANCHESTER with INGLEFIELD, ICARUS, and ACHATES sailed from Iceland at 1045 today to R/V with and relieve EDINBURGH on the Denmark Strait Patrol where, it is believed, a U-Boat may be operating; and SUFFOLK left Scapa at 2158 for Hvalfiord whence she is to be ready to reinforce the Patrol if required. HERMIONE has also been ordered to reinforce MANCHESTER by Noon/13.

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Home Commands-Contd.

NIGERIA, on completion of the Mining operation S.N. 64, has been ordered to refuel at Skaalfiord before reinforcing KENYA on patrol of the Iceland Faroes Passage

To maintain a maximum S/M strength in the Bay of Biscay Area, SEAWOLF is to leave Portsmouth on 14/6 to relieve TRIDENT and TIGRIS will leave Holy Loch on 18/6 to relieve SOKOL,,while THRASHER and OSIRIS which leave Holy Loch on 14/6 for Gibraltar are to proceed submerged by day between 47° and 45° North.

The EMDEN is reported at Sassnitz on the 9th June; and at 1945 last night the PRINZ EUGEN and both German Battle Cruisers were still at Brest.

A meeting of C's in C. with the Prime Minister to consider a general review of the situation and discuss any specially important points desired is to be held in London at Noon on the 17th June.

7 M/L's of the 9th M/L Flotilla and M/L. 126 of the 3rd M/L Flotilla are to be sailed from Plymouth when ready to Gibraltar. BEVERLEY, VIMY, WINDSOR, and FIREDRAKE will act as Escorts and will tow the M/L's as required.

The Motor Boats TULIP and CLARKIA are expected to arrive at Charlestown, South Carolina for refit on about 17/7.

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British Air Activity.

Patrols STAND and BERT were flown twice today, and a photographic R/C of the Norwegian Coast from Bergen southward was flown during the forenoon.

5 A/C of 22 Squadron fitted with Torpedo Racks were ordered at 0915 to proceed at once to Wick.

95 A/C attacked the German Main Units at Brest during last night and may have damaged them though no direct hits could be reported. A smoke screen obscured the ships.

Last night, 7 Blenheims of Coastal Command attacked the submarine base and torpedo store at St. Nazaire.

Enemy Air Activity.

At 0029 this morning Fighters were sent to assist Convoys PILOT, MISSION, and PATTERN off the N.E. coast; and at 0110 and again at 0240 Convoy YOUNG TWO was bombed without damage off the North Pembrokeshire coast.

The British CLEARPOOL, 5404 Tons, bombed at 2357/10, was towed into the Tees this evening; the British MOORWOOD was sunk near 19C Buoy off the Tyne at 0020 this morning; the British WESTBURN, 2842 Tons, bombed and set on fire near 20 Buoy at 0007 today was towed into Hartlepool at 0450; and the British BARON CARNEGIE, bombed and abandoned at 0150B today off the Pembroke Coast, is being searched for as a derelict.

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Enemy Air Activity.-Contd.

The naval establishment at Pembroke Dock was bombed this morning with only negligible damage and some loss of S/S stores. One enemy A/C was over Scapa Flow between 1407 and 1420 today and would have seen into the Fleet Anchorage: a standing patrol by British A/C was maintained over the Flow.

Mining.

7 Hampdens laid mines last night in Quiberon Bay.

6 Mines exploded off Spurn Point and 4 more off the East Coast, and one was detonated by S.A. Gear off Liverpool.

Milford Haven was closed at 0224 this morning but re-opened at 1236, and the Wallet near Harwich was declared open again at 1728.

It is reported today that the Trawler HOPTON while on passage home from Iceland blew up and sank at 2035/8 in about 62° 56' N 12° 30' W.

Shipping and Convoys.

Newhaven. C. in C's at the Nore and Portsmouth both concur in Ministry of War Transport's proposal to include occasional ships in C.W. convoys for discharge at Newhaven.

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North Atlantic.

S/M's Genoa. — In reply to F.O.C.N.A. who represented that S/M's operating in Gulf of Genoa were handicapped in being allowed to sink only -ships identified as enemy, Admty. have directed that all vessels, except Spanish, navigating within 30 miles of the Italian coast should be sunk.

Force H. — Force H. (RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS, and 6 destroyers) returned to Gibraltar today from westward.

Gibraltar Refugees. — SCYTHIA is being specially diverted to embark 2000 or more refugees from Gibraltar and surrounding country.

South Atlantic.

BARHAM. — Repairs to BARHAM (damaged off Crete on 27/5) are to be carried out at Durban as early as possible.

Ex-French Ships. — Ex-French merchant ships are not to be sent to Brazilian ports.

W.S.8X. — Convoy W.S.8X, escorted by NORFOLK, arrived at Freetown this morning.

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Mediterranean.

Dodecanese.	Wellingtons last night bombed Maritza Aerodrome.
Lybia.	5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi last night. F.A.A. aircraft attacked enemy aircraft on Derna and Gazala aerodromes.
Submarines.	PANDORA and PARTHIAN are to refit in U.S.A. after calling at U.K. to adjust personnel, etc.
Damaged Ships.	Repair arrangements for 9 warships damaged during the Crete operations last month are outlined in Admty. 0125B/11.
Malta Convoys.	V.A. Malta represented on 8/6 that the westward route from Malta may be less subject to air attack,but that the eastward route was still better. C. in C. Mediterranean does not concur. In his view the existing situation in Eastern Mediterranean is not fully appreciated by V.A. Malta.
Enemy Convoy.	3 destroyers, 3 auxiliary vessels, 6 merchant vessels and 2 enemy aircraft were reported off Pantellaria by aircraft shortly after noon today. Two Blenehims attacked, and report 5 hits on one ship which is believed to have sunk.
Syria.	Aircraft reported 2 ships 40 miles S.W. of Beirut, steering 45° or 49° at 0155 today.

The air attack on Beirut last night was unsuccessful, but 2 F.A. aircraft attacked flotilla leaders there (results unknown).

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Mediterranean.

Syria-Contd.

Force B in Syrian waters now includes:-
PHOEBE, AJAX, cruisers.
COVENTRY, A/A ship.
11 destroyers.

JANUS, damaged in action with French destroyers on 9/6, left Haifa towed by PROTECTOR today for Port Said, where she is due tomorrow.

East Indies.

Assab captured.

Assab (Eritrea) was captured today by British and Indian troops operating from Aden with air and naval support. Complete surprise was achieved. Prisoners so far taken include 50 naval ratings 39 German seamen, and 2 Italian generals and 1 naval captain, with a quantity of arms and stores.

CHAKDINA, INDUS and CLIVE took part in the operations, with DIDO in support, wearing flag of S.N.O. Red Sea Force.

HAWKINS.

Is to leave Aden tomorrow for Port Victoria Seychelles.

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America and West Indies.

DUC D'AUMALE (French).	(See 9/6). Admiralty concur that ship may be intercepted, but the Free French Volunteers must be removed at sea and the ship must not be sent into a British Port.

U-Boat Campaign.

Northern Approaches.	S.S. HAVTOR is reported to have been torpedoed at 1845Z today in approx. 63° 35' N 28° 5' W.
South Atlantic.	S.S. RIO AZUL ex Convoy O.B. 324, Tyne to Pepel, was attacked 300 miles west of Freetown at 0700.

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Policy.

R.D/F. Training AVALON.

There is an urgent requirement to commence sea training in Type 271 R.D.F. Request consideration be given to diverting trawler AVALON, which is already fitted for this purpose. If approved it is proposed AVALON should operate from Ardrossan.
(C. in C. W.A. 1153B/11.)
C. in C. W.A. 1153/11. AVALON and NORLAND are required for East Coast operations with M.G.B.S. which it is considered should take precedence over training.
(C. in C. Nore 2300/11 to Adty.)

Shortage of H.F. Cruisers and Destroyers.

My 0043B/2nd.
(i) The present shortage of cruisers and destroyers in Home Fleet is serious.
(ii) New enemy policy apparently to dispose U-Boats in the vicinity of our Cruisers patrol.
(iii) Under these conditions I consider A.M.Cs, on patrol in Denmark Straits are merely a liability and should be withdrawn forthwith and replaced when possible by small craft.
(iv) It is necessary to operate destroyers for immediate security of Cruisers.
(v) Owing to shortage of R/C aircraft and lack of air striking Force in Iceland it is also necessary to provide destroyer striking force in Iceland.
(vi) In these circumstances outside calls on Home Fleet Cruisers and Destroyers must be reduced.
(vii)In particular it will not be possible to comply with your 1854 / B/7 para.
(v) (Re Escorts for T.C.11.)
Maximum number of destroyers available for this duty will be 6.
(C. in C. H.F. 1236B/11 to Adty.)

/Meeting.....

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Policy. - Contd.

Meeting of C's in C. with Prime Minister on 17/6.

Admty. 1728/1st January. Prime Minister wishes to meet C's in C. to give a general review of the situation and to discuss any special points they desire to raise at 1900/17. Request you or your representative will attend and that any special item for the discussion may be communicated by noon/13th. If necessary, a preliminary meeting will be held in the Admiralty with the Naval Staff p.m. 16th June, and a further telegram on this point will be made after receipt of suggested items for the agenda. Only items of major importance should be raised on this occasion. (1st S.L. 2115B/11)

Defence of U.K.

A/A Forts in Mersey.

A.M.2111/9/6. Marine Surveyor to Mersey Docks and Harbour Board considers that even in area proposed foundations would sink in first heavy gale. Reasons. In view of this, construction cannot be recommended. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1057B/11 and 1538/11)

Movements.

IMPULSIVE. ANTHONY.

If already released, return to Scapa with despatch. Otherwise proceed to port Z.A. for fuel and await orders. (R.A.D. H.F. 0501/11 to IMPULSIVE, ANTHONY.)
E.T.A. with ANTHONY 1000 B. (IMPULSIVE 0515B/11 to ACOS.)

9th M/L.F. and M/L.126 for Gibraltar.

9th M.L. Flotilla arrived. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 0930B/11)
C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail and route the following M/L's when ready together with the escorting destroyers to Gibraltar. 9th M/L Flotilla .... M.L's 169,170,172,173, 174,175,176. 3rd M/L Flotilla .... M.L.126.
2. Boats of the 9th Flotilla are not fitted

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Movements.

9th M/L.F. and M/L.126 for Gibraltar - Contd.

with extra tanks and their endurance is about 1000 miles at 12 knots in fair weather, and they will have to be towed part of the way. M.L.126 is fitted with extra tanks and has endurance of about 2000 miles in fair weather.
5. The following destroyers will act as escorts and will tow the M/L's as required:- BEVERLEY, VIMY, WINDSOR, FIREDRAKE.
(D.O.D.H. 1310B/11)

TULIP. CLARKIA.

Your 1057B/4th. Anticipate TULIP and CLARKIA will arrive Charlestown South Carolina about 17/7. (C. in C.W.A. 1121B/11)

CUMBERLAND Escort.

C. in C. Nore's 2158B/10. It is considered necessary that CUMBERLAND should be escorted from Rosyth to Sheerness by fast S.A. sweepers.
2. Request you will report if any S.A. fitted HUNT's or WAIR's will be available.
(D.O.D.H. 1942B/11)

Operations.

Iceland - Faroes Patrol.

NIGERIA proceed to Skaalefiord with despatch and refuel before proceeding on patrol. (C. in C.H.F. 0432B/11 to C.S.10.)

Search for Bismarck.

Your 1552B/7th. No damage was sustained by NORFOLK while shadowing and engaging BISMARCK other than that reported in C.S.I's 1611B/29 May and my 1655B/29 May.
(NORFOLK 0801N/11 to C. in C.H.F.)

Denmark Strait Patrol.

Arrived MANCHESTER and sailed with Capt.(D) 8, ICARUS, ACHATES. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1045/11)
When complete stores and provisions, but not later than 2000, SUFFOLK is to sail for

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Operations.

Denmark Strait Patrol - Contd.	Hvalfiord with all convenient despatch. (ii) on arrival be prepared to reinforce Denmark Straits patrol according to information received (iii) U-Boat may be operating against cruiser in Denmark Strait. (C. in C.H.F. 1437B/11 to SUFFOLK) Arrived D 5, ICARUS, ACHATES. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1655/10) Scapa departure SUFFOLK. (A.C.O.S. 2158/11) Arrived C.S.18 in EDINBURGH, Captain (D) 3 in INGLEFIELD and ICARUS. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 2314/11) Failing further instructions HERMIONE is to reinforce MANCHESTER on Denmark Straits patrol by noon/13th. (C. in C.H.F.2347B/11)
P.51 off Aalesund.	P.51 is to be sailed and is to proceed with despatch to patrol in vicinity 065° north 005° east. (F.O.S. 1954B/11 to S.9)
Biscay S/M Patrol	To maintain the maximum submarine strength in the Biscay Area the following programme is to be carried out. A. TRIDENT to leave patrol and return to Holy Loch after dark/17. B. SEAWOLF to leave Portsmouth on 14/6 to relieve TRIDENT. C. THRASHER and OSIRIS to leave Holy Loch on 14/6 and proceed with despatch at C.O.'s discretion routed West of QZX 259 thence to Gibraltar proceeding submerged by day between 47° and 45° N. F. SOKOL to leave patrol after dark on 19/6 19/6 and return to Portsmouth. F. TIGRIS to leave Holy Loch on 18/6 to relieve SOKOL. (F.O.S. 1128B/11)

British Air Activity

Patrols	Patrols STAND and BERT are taking off about 0500/11. P.R.U. Recce of Bergen-Stavanger and Christiansand and Fjords along the coast is being flown during this afternoon (C. in C. Rosyth, 0430/11)

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British Air Activity.

Patrols. - Contd.

Patrols STAND and BERT will be flown again today taking off at 1400. (C. in C. Rosyth 1248/11)
Ops. 635 11/6.
A X-over patrol similar to Sentry 2 can be flown on a track 060° from Northern Point of Sentry 2 if information is received which points to a break out on this line. I cannot cover every possible exit and consider the patrols I am now doing are the best possible with the aircraft available.
(A.O.C. in C. H.Q. Constal Command 2345/11)

5 A/C for Wick.

Five A/C of 22 Sqdn. fitted with torpedo racks to proceed immediately to Wick without torpedoes. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 0915/11)

Temporary Re-distribution.

The following temporary re-distribution of aircraft is to take place forthwith. 15 Group one Catalina to Sullom Voe. 16 Group 5/22 Sqdn. with torpedo racks but less torpedoes North Coates to Wick. 18 Group 248 Sqdn. to remain Dyce. 19 Group one Sunderland to Sullom Voe. (H.Q.C.C.0940/11)

Iceland A/C Patrols.

It is of vital importance that C. in C. H.F. and Admty. should have early and accurate information of air patrols ordered, whether patrols do in fact fly, and results, including negative results, of such patrols.
2. You are doubtless in close collaboration with A.O.C. Iceland on these matters and receive all necessary information.
3. To ensure that this information is passed as rapidly as possible, the following method is to be adopted. Particulars. (A.C.N.S. H. 1159B/11 to N.O.I.C. Iceland.)

Iceland.

Your 1552B/9. A/C situation in Iceland. No. of A/C present, availability, emergency arrangements, signalling of A/C reports etc. Details. (A.C.N.S. H. 1201B/11 to C. in C. H.F.) See Lion Copy.

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British Air Activity. - Contd.

SCHARNHORST.
GNEISENAU.
PRINZ EUGEN
Attacked.
One M/V hit.

On 10/6 two aircraft attacked a 1,900 ton M/V twenty miles S.W. of Stavanger. Considered that at least one bomb would be a direct hit on the ship.
On night 10/11 93 A/C attacked the SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU and PRINCE EUGEN at Brest. The enemy again made use of an effective smoke screen. Several fires were started but no direct hits on the ships have so far been reported. (H.Q.B.C. 1350/11)

Standard
Patrols.

C. in C. Rosyth 2350/11. ~~See Hon Copy.~~
See Summaries Folder.

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy.

My 2358. Convoy being shadowed by enemy A/C, height 1000 ft. course 345°. My position 54° 43' N. 1° 3' W. (LIDDESDALE 0005/11)
My 0005. Enemy A/C bombing. (LIDDESDALE 0011/11)

Convoy
E.C.Even.

1 Enemy aircraft bombing convoy MISSION. My position PCRU.0005. 54° N. 0° 57' W. (Convoy 0010/11)

Convoys
PILOT.
MISSION.
PATTERN.

Fighters are being sent to assist PILOT, MISSION and PATTERN. (Liverpool 0029/11)

Convoy
YOUNG TWO.

Enemy A/C bombing Convoy. Position 52° 11' N. 5° 15' W. Course 230°, speed 8. (VICEROY 0110/11)
My 0110. No hits. (VICEROY 0129/11)
Further attack. No hits. (VICEROY, 0240/11)

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CLEARPOOL. (British, 5404 Tons.)
Your 0046/11. Tug proceeding and should arrive about 0650. Fighter escort asked for from first light. (C. in C. Rosyth, 0254/11 to CATTISTOCK)
CLEARPOOL anchored in 54° 17' N. 0° 19' W. Bombed at 2367/10 in vicinity 18B Buoy. Boiler damaged. Leak in engine room. 1 Casualty. Wounded. Tug has been sent. CATTISTOCK standing by. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0600/11)
Situation at 0900. CLEARPOOL still anchored off Scarborough. Tugs EUSTON CROSS and CHARING CROSS from Hartlepool nearing her. Will tow her to Hartlepool. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1008/11)
Escort CLEARPOOL in tow Tug TWEED to Harbour. (C. in C. Rosyth 1031/11 to CATTISTOCK)
CLEARPOOL entering Tees in tow. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 2104/11)

Convoy GRAIN.
Fighters are being sent to the assistance of GRAIN. (Plymouth 0329/11)

MOORWOOD. sunk.
(British 2056 Tons) S.S. WANDLE entered Hartlepool 0242/11 with survivors from S.S. MOORWOOD sunk by enemy air attack at 19 C. Buoy at 0020/11. All crew saved, some injured. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0430/11)

WESTBURN.
(British 2842 Tons) Bombed and set on fire near 20 buoy at 0007/11. Considerable damage amidships. Bridge demolished. Survivors taken off and landed by VELETA and DOORIE BRAE. Tugs sent and X.V.T. sent crew aboard. Vessel has been towed into Hartlepool. Fires under control. 20 Survivors as follows. Names. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0450/11)
WESTBURN in Hartlepool. Fire now extinguished. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1008/11)

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Enemy Air Activity-Contd.

Convoy B.B. 32 attacked. One A/C shot down.

One enemy aircraft shot down by Bofors guns of shore defences at 0125/11, 117° 14 cables from St. Ann's Light. This report confirmed by four sources. Convoy B.B. 32 attacked three times no damage reported three casualties landing Cardiff. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1150B/11).

BARON CARNEGIE.

(British, 3178 Tons) Ex. O.B.M. 334. Reported by Coaster WILLIAMSTOWN derelict 8 miles N.W. of S. Bishops Light. Tug sent, air search in progress. Ten survivors picked up by WILLIAMSTOWN landing Milford Haven. Four cot cases remaining in WILLIAMSTOWN now preceeding Barry. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1317B/11).
Bombed and abandoned at 0150B/11 in 52° 3' N. 5° 25' W. C.B's and documents left on board. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1828/11).

Pembroke Dock bombed.

Enemy air attack on Naval establishment, Pembroke Dock this morning. Damage negligible -except C.O.C.F. who is affected by loss of stores and accommodation.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1451B/11).

A/C over Scapa Flow.

An enemy A/C was over Flow between 1407/11 and 1420/11 and would have seen into Fleet Anchorage. (A.C.O.S. 1745/11).

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Mining.

Milford Haven.	Port is closed owing to minelaying. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 0224B/11). Port of Milford Haven is open subject to local restrictions. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1236B/11).
Salcombe Minefield.	Salcombe minefield connected up and in operation. This completes all stations in Dartmouth sub-command. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1152/11).
East Coast Routine Sweeps.	Request you will arrange for converted trawlers GLEN KIDSTON and GALVANI to carry out routine S.A. Sweeping ahead of Oropesa -groups sweeping QZS 30 between Aldeburgh and number 5 buoy. Position of SA Sweeper relative to centre line of channel should be varied from day to day, since one such Sweeper cannot be said to sweep effectively a path of more than two cables. Should both vessels be available at any time for sweeping they should be stationed abeam of each other at a distance of 2 cables and need not keep company with an Oropesa Group, if it is considered that their own A/A arrangements are sufficient. (C. in C. Nore, 1152B/11 to F.O.I.C. Yarmouth).
Harwich Area.	Wallet reswept. Negative result. Now declared open. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1728B/11).
Liverpool.	Mine report to 1800/11. One detonated by S.A. Trawler 25° Bar Light Vessel three miles. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1807B/11).

/HOPTON.....

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Mining-Contd.

HOPTON sunk on 8/6.

(Trawler) While trawlers HONDO and HOPTON were on passage Iceland to U.K. at 2035/8/6 in about 62° 56' N. 12° 30' W. HOPTON blew up and sank in 30 seconds. HONDO picked up only survivor. (A.C.O.S. 1900/11).

Spurn Point.

3 Mines spontaneously exploded and 3 Mines detonated by Sweeper. Details. (F.O. Humber 1950B/11).

East Coast.

D.21 reports mines exploded yesterday by CAMPBELL (A) At 1922 in 52° 27' 30" N. 02° 05' 42" E.
(B) At 2155 in position 1 point nine miles 042° from No. 52 Buoy..
WALLACE observed explosions today at a distance.
(A) At 0747 near 54 C. buoy.
(B) At 0950 near number 5 buoy on Eastern edge of Channel. (C. in C. Nore 2310B/11 -and 0707B/12).

Enemy Intelligence.

Brest.

Brest 1945/10. Both battlecruisers and PRINZ EUGEN still present. (D.N.I.C. 0057B/11).

EMDEN.

EMDEN observed Sassnitz June 9th. Graded B.2. (N.A. Stockholm 1744/11).

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Casualties and Defects.

MAPLETON.	An anchor off B.7 buoy. Has broken capstan and is unable to weigh. Am remaining with her. (VESPER 0746/11).
MELROSE ABBEY. (Grounded 28/3)	Intend sailing ATTENTIF 0300/12 to attempt refloat MELROSE ABBEY. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1041/11).
FOREMOST 22.	Your 0931/6. Tug FOREMOST 22 and 2 Barges have not arrived Inverness. (N.O.I.C. Invergordon 1225/11).
	Departure KROOMAN to assistance of ships in distress vicinity of 55A Buoy. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1417B/11).
Three Lifeboats off Brest.	Three lifeboats reported in 48° 10' N. 5° 50' W. at 0810 today steering 030°. Boats may be from either a friendly or enemy ship. 2. If boats are again located by air R/C, available M.G.B's will be ordered to proceed to bring in as many survivors as can be conveniently carried. Remainder are to be given any necessary provisions and a course to steer. 3. If practicable, and from a friendly ship, a second trip to pick up remainder may be made after landing first party at Falmouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 1710/11 to BELFORT). Later R/C failed to find Life Boats. No action is to be taken on my 1710/11. (C. in C. Plymouth 2128/11 to BELFORT.).

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EMILE FRANQUI (Grounded 3/4).

S.S. EMILE FRANQUI towed by Rescue Tug CHAMPION and escorted by FOWEY arrived. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1926/11).

CUSHENDALL.

Departure H.M. Tug SABINE at 2030 to assist CUSHENDALL broken down near 62 A buoy. (F.O. Humber 2051B/11).

Shipping and Convoys.

Use of Newhaven.

Your 1723B/7. (Include occasional ships in C.W. Convoys for discharge at Newhaven). Concur. (C. in C. Nore 1127B/11 to Admty.).

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General.

Raiders.

My 1005B/5. TRAFALGAR overdue at Capetown from U.K. made QQQQ on 30/4 330 miles North of Azores. Although signal was not cancelled she probably sighted one of H.M. ships and may have been lost by U-boat action at latter date.
No further news of No. 16 (A.M. 1745B/28/5) or No. 46 (A.M. 2217B/14/5) which are possibly the only raiders operating.
(D.D.I.C. 1733B/11 to C. in C's etc.).

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North Atlantic.

S/Ms in Gulf of Genoa.

Your 1222/4. All vessels navigating within 30 miles of Italian coast should be sunk, unless a vessel is identified as Spanish when it should be allowed to proceed.
Keep submarines informed as necessary concerning movements of vessels carrying approved cargoes on behalf of the Swiss. Swiss Govt. will be asked to give adequate notice of sailings from Genoa.
3. Outside the 30 mile zone restrictions contained in para 5 of A.T. 2021/20/2 still apply. (Private Office Approved 1st Lord, 0108B/11 to F.O.C.N.A.)

MARSDALE.

Cancel my 1110A/9. Pass through position 029° 30' N 025° 30' W thence direct to area V.1 and V.2.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1102B/11 to MARSDALE).

SCYTHIA.

Your 2027N/10. SCYTHIA is being specially diverted to Gibraltar to embark refugees from Gibraltar and surrounding country number probably exceeding 2000, including invalids. Request therefore that no one is embarked Freetown.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1302A/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

MIGNONETTE.

Pass through positions 029° 00' N 025° 00' W 021° 00' N 021° 00' W thence direct or as ordered by C. in C. South Atlantic.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1752A/11 to MIGNONETTE).

South Atlantic.

BARHAM.

A.T.1730B/30 to C. in C. Med., only.
Completion of repairs to BARHAM is a matter of first importance. She should arrive Durban as early as possible and is to have absolute priority for completion.
(V.C.N.S., 0031B/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

NORDERNEY (German).

Master of NORDERNEY left for Rio de Janeiro 10/6 by Condor plane.
(S.O.(I) Montevideo, 0225Z/11 to S.A.D.)

/HELDER.....

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South Atlantic. (contd).

HELDER. Overdue shipping my 1350/9 HELDER arrived Capetown (S.O.(I) Capetown, 0941/11).

DELFIM. Reference my 41 and 1452/24/5. Spanish ship DELFIM or DELFIRE. Landed Sal May 24th 70 tons aviation spirits; Ciseneros manifest signed Lati. Master gave chief of Lati at Sal letter from Submarine received at sea. Master states ship makes three more trips first July or early in August. Route Ciseneros Spanish Waters to Capo Blance then Sal.
(B.C. St. Vincent, 1430/11 to Ambassador at Lisbon).

FRANKFURT HERMES (German). FRANKFURT has berthed alongside and is expected to commence loading very shortly. HERMES although still far from being fully laden has stopped loading and has received Sea Stores.
(N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 1514/11 to S.O.(I) Freetown). (S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2101Z to S.A.D)

.W.S. 8 X. Arrived 0700/11. NORFOLK VELOX ASTER with Convoy W.S. (?8) X.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1639N/11 to Admty).

Numbers, Unescorted Ships. Your 2134B/10. Maximum numbers allowed in unescorted ship are as follows.
Prisoners of War 1,000, Escorts 100, Naval personnel 100, Military personnel 100
R.A.F. personnel 100, Merchant Seamen 100.
Note. Last 3 categories are for this occasion only.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 1700B/11 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown).

Ex-French Ships. Undesirable that VILLE DE STRASBOURG should call at Pernambuco. If ship has not already sailed she should be instructed to bunker to reach Trinidad or St. Thomas direct.
Ex French ships should not be sent to Brazilian Ports. (D.T.D. 1713B/11 to N.C.S.O. Walfish Bay).

/Minesweeping.....

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Minesweeping Lagos.

Your 1918/6. There are no wooden or dher vessels at Freetown that will take generators for skids possible that tugs fitted for minesweeping at Lagos could take. Request information if any of M/S Trawlers now ordered. to Freetown will be fitted with these generators. (C. in C. S.A., 1911N/11 to Admty).

NORDERNEY
TEBRO
NATAL.

Master of German NORDERNEY left Para for Rio de Janeiro on 10/6. Italian TEBRO has team up. German NATAL still loading. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 1925N/11 to Admty).

SCYTHIA (evacuees.)

My 2027/10. Total accommodation available after allowing for accommodation taken by LONDON passengers approved by Admiralty. (C. in C. S.A., 2015N/11 to F.O.C.N.A.)

AFRICANA (Italian).

Pernambuco reports has returned to moorings Outer Mole. All Italian Ships now moored Outer Mole.
(S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2053Z/11 to R.A.S.A.D.)

Mediterranean.

Repair of Damaged ships.

Your 1748/24/5 and 1532/30/5 and my 2333/31/5 and 2348/26/5, it is now intended repairs should be carried out as follows: ORION - Devonport. DIDO - U.S.A. CARLISLE - Preferably Bombay, in view of Durban's other commitments.. AJAX - U.K. if shaft brackets require renewal. NAIAD - Singapore. VALIANT - If repairs are beyond capacity of Alexandria to be repaired at Durhan as convenient. If KIPLING, HAVOCK and NUBIAN cannot be rePaired in Red Sea Ports they should be repaired in India, F.O.C.R.I.N. being asked to state port.
(D.O.D. (F) 0125B/11 to C. in C. Med).

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Malta. Suggestions consequent on reduced scale of Enemy air attacks and reconnaissance in Central Mediterranean.
(V.A.M., 0822/11 to C. in C. Med.)
See Lion and Tiger Copy.
Supply Convoys. Do not concur in V.A. Malta's 1038/8 para II. (C. in C. Med., 1031C/11 to Admty). See Mediterranean Volume.

Axis Cargoes. Cargoes in transit are not examined in either direction (N.S.O.(I) Istanbul, 1106/11 to Admty),
N.I.D. Comment. See Lion Copy.

NUBIAN AUCKLAND. NUBIAN is to sail when ready at about 1900/11 for Port Said and transit of canal to Suez. AUCKLAND is to escort her to Port Said returning to Alexandria. NUBIAN cannot steer and will require to be met by tug at Port Said and towage through canal. JANUS in tow of PROTECTOR may be on passage with (?FLAMINGO) from Haifa to Port Said.
(C. in C. Med., 1107C/11 to NUBIAN).

Dodecanese Bombed. Operational Summary No. 366 up to 0200 hours 11/6/1941. Night 9/10, 2 Wellingtons bombed Maritza aerodrome, Rhodes. 7 Wellington bombed Calato aerodrome. One Wellington bombed Kattavia aerodrome. Night 10 /11 3 Wellingtons bombed Maritza aerodrome.

Benghazi Derna bombed. Night 9/10. 4 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour hitting the Julian Mole and one ship. Bombs also dropped on Benina Aerodrome.
3 Blenheims bombed Derna landing-ground and Satellite and Martuba landing ground.

Enemy Raid on Matruh. 10 Enemy aircraft bombed Matruh. Day 10/6.

Crete Survivors. 230 personnel Imperial troops drifted ashore on rafts at Sidi Barrani from Crete during day. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1113/11).

Movement Summary. C. in C. Med., 1115/11. See Lion Copy.

/TARUISION.....

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TARVISIO BHULITAS (?UTILITAS?) ALBARO URANO (Italian) NORBURG (German) etc.	(A) Passed Istanbul for Constanza Italian (?tanker) TARVISIO p.m./10 BHULITAS, ALBARO (ex NAVONA) URANO, German NORBURG, Hungarian KASSA, Roumanian Tanker SWEETINA a.m./11. (B) TARVISIO, URANO, are fleet auxiliaries: first had full cargo empty steel drums. No timber on either. Embassy protesting Turkish Government to-day, infringement of articles 9 and 19 of Straits Convention. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 1150/11).
GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI (Italian)	My 0915C/9 tanker left Chanaki 1230/10 for Aegean. (Capt. S.1. 1237C/11 to TETRARCH). (S.O.(I) Med., 1548C/11 to Admty).
Enemy Convoy.	3 destroyers 3 auxiliary vessels 6 merchant vessels 2 E.A. bearing 040° distant 20 miles approx. course 177° My position 220° Pantellaria 22 miles. (A/C No. 1 Sqnd., 1245Z/11 to Hal Far).
KIRRIEMOOR ATREUS ALSEY.	Request you sail for Aden to await further instructions from Admiralty. (C. in C. Med., 1539/11 to S.B.N.O. Suez Canal)
FLAMINGO PROTECTOR JANUS.	FLAMINGO and PROTECTOR with JANUS in tow E.T.A. 103D/12. Tug required to meet at Suez. JANUS has no power but can anchor in emergency and can steer. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1730C/11 to N.O.I.C. Port Said.)
PANDORA PARTHIAN PROTEUS.	Your 1734/16/5. Decided to refit PANDORA and PARTHIAN in U.S.A., after calling at U.K. to adjust personnel and to embark specially manufactured parts necessary for their refits. PANDORA is due in U.S.A. 26/6. PROTEUS should reach Eastern Mediterranean middle September. Arrangements will be made on assumption that PARTHIAN is available to sail for U.S.A. immediately PROTEUS arrives on Med. Station. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1819B/11 to C. in C. Med.-)
HELKA.	HELKA bombed and sunk 25/5. Two ratings reported killed. (P.S.T.O. Egypt, 2127C/11).

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Syria.

2 Ships Beirut. Aircraft report having observed 2 ships 40 miles S.W. Beirut 045° at 15 knots at 0155 this morning. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0745/11 to AJAX) See also Air Report, 1218/11.

L.O. to Visit Front. If you can use boat near you would you consider sending Liaison Officer to see front line? Will send provisions in boat which brings him off. (ISIS, 0828/11 to ? repeated Capt. D.2. AJAX).

Air Attack, Beyrcut. Air Attack Beyrout last night handicapped by cloud and result probably negative. Reconnaissance over Beirut this morning has so far produced no information. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0909/11 to C. in C. Med).

Air Report. Daily Intelligence report No. 27 up to 0800 hours L.S.T.
11/6. Syria. 1730 2 merchant vessels 313° Haifa 60 M. course 200° speed 8 to 10 knots. 0155 hours 11/6. 2 ships 225° Beirut 40 M course 045° speed 15 knots. Valentia unable to locate Rayak 2330 10/6. attacked Beirut Harbour 0030 11/6. Dropped one thousand lbs.

Enemy Ships bombed in Beirut. H.E. bombs. Two aircraft F.A.A. attacked Flotilla leaders in Beirut Harbour midnight. Results unknown. F.A.A. aircraft report A.A. fire from tanker ADOUR in position 15 on map B.7. (H.Q. P.T.J., 1218/11).

Force B. Following ships now form Force B. PHOEBE AJAX, COVENTRY, STUART, ILEX, KANDAHAR, KIMBERLEY, JAGUAR, JACKAL, HOTSPUR, ISIS, HERO GRIFFIN, DEFENDER (C.S.15, 1220/11 to C. inC. Med).
DEFENDER and GRIFFIN return to Haifa to fuel Thursday 12th. DEFENDER to rejoin screening force after fuelling. GRIFFIN rejoin A.M./13 time for movement as ordered by S.O. requiring screens. (Capt. D.10 1549/11 to HERO, GRIFFIN, HOTSPUR, DEFENDER).
C.S. 15 1535C. (N.T. in W.D.) 2 destroyers can be spared for this duty.
(Capt. D.2., 1654/11 to AJAX).

/Swordfish.....

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Swordfish Beirut.	Swordfish are not to attack ships in Beirut without my approval. (C. in C. Med., 17470/11 to C.S. 15 etc).
Flotilla leader Beirut.	Flotilla Leader at Beirut p.m. today at buoy outside harbour probably with steam up. Swordfish will patrol off harbour from dusk until 2330. Lydda Torpedo spotter reconnaissance aircraft will attack about 2230/11 Swordfish about 2330. (H.Q. P.&.T.J. 1810/11 to C.S.15). My 1810. Torpedo Spotter Reconnaissance Aircraft will not attack unless ordered by you. (H.Q. P.&.T.J., 1916/11 to C.S.15).
14 D.F. LEANDER HASTY AJAX.	Take LEANDER and HASTY under your orders and sail 1800/12 to join F.O.C.15th C.S. off Syrian coast as ordered by him. When JERVIS (group omitted) HASTY have joined F.O.C.15th C.S. is requested to detach AJAX and four destroyers to proceed Alexandria. (C. in C. Med., 18230/11 to Capt. D.14).
PHOEBE AJAX.	PHOEBE with destroyer relief will pass latitud of Tyre at 0920/12 to relieve AJAX. (F.O. 15th C.S., 1912/11 to AJAX).
AJAX COVENTRY PHOEBE.	Following is provisional programme movements of cruisers, ships leaving Haifa at 0700.

Date.	Off Shore.	In shore.	Haifa.
12th	PHOEBE	COVENTRY	AJAX
13th	AJAX	PHOEBE	COVENTR
14th	AJAX	COVENTRY	PHOEBE

(F.O. 15th C.S. 1911/11),

Vichy.	Reaction to Syria advance, etc. (A.C.N.S. (F) 2140B/11 to C. in C. Med., etc). See Lion Copy.

/Air Attacks.....

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Syria. - Contd.

Air Attacks Beirut.

Ops Summary up to 2000 hrs. L.T. 11/6.
6 Sorties F.A.A. from Lydda on flotilla leaders Beirut Harbour. Our Aircraft failed to locate target owing to low clouds, 2 Aircraft attacked, results unknown. 3 Sorties F.A.A. Aircraft Cyprus, 2 failed locate target, 1 attacked 3 Merchant ships besides fire. No results observed. 1 Valentia failed locate Rayak at night dropped 4250 lbs H.E. Beirut Harbour.
(H.Q. P. & T.J. 2120/11)

Enemy Units.

Eight unknown bearing 75° 5 miles course 000° position MWJA 4832.
(HERO, 2321/11 to R.A.D. Med).
W.D. Note latitude indecypherable MW = 70° W.

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East Indies.

Basra Trade. S.N.O. Persian Gulf's 1818/10th passed to you with reference to Admty. 2505/6. Concur earliest possible resumption of normal trade is desirable but some delay appears unavoidable. (C. in C.E.I. 0656Z/11 to Admty.)

GLENEARN, towing to Bombay. C. in C. Med. 1141/9. Request S.N.O. Red Sea and F.O.C.R.I.N. report opinion of Masters recently arrived from India and Aden as to practicability of towing by merchant ships in present weather conditions. (C. in C.E.I. 0708Z/11 to S.N.O. R.S. F.O.C.R.I.N.)

HAWKINS. To leave Aden 12/6 and proceed to Port Victoria, Seychelles, so as to arrive 16/6. (C. in C.E.I. 0722Z/11 to HAWKINS)

Capture of Assab. My 0802/8 to Admty. only refers (Hush - N.T. in W.D.) S.N.O.R.S. 1220C/11 and my 1150/11 not to Admty. Enemy completely surprised in capture of Assab. Operation proceeded according to plan. 5/15 Punjabi Regiment now landed and S.S. TUNA berthed and off loading vehicles. Prisoners so far identified but not yet checked in. 40 to 50 Naval Ratings, 87 Airmen and Pilots also 7 German Seamen, Generals Varda and Picentini, Capt. Collaoyal Italian Navy, 400 Italian Women and Children. Quantity of Arms and Stores not yet checked. (C. in C.E.I. 0808Z/11 to Admty.)
G.H.Q. Cairo announced 12/6 prisoners so far counted include 50 naval ratings, 87 pilots and airmen, 39 German seamen and numbers of Italian troops. (Press)
Op. Summary for 24 hours ending 1500 G.M.T/1
Assab captured by force of British and India troops operating from Aden with Air and Naval Support. (G.H.Q. Aden, 2157/11)

/DIDO .....

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DIDO. A.M. 1826/5 DIDO considers that before rounding Cape ship should proceed to Durban (reason) N.O.I.C. Simonstown requested to report whether work can be undertaken. (C. in C.E.I. 1058Z/11 to Admty.)

China.

CHENONCEAU. Departure 10/6 Marseilles. (Saigon 0804Z/11)

America and West Indies.

SHEHERAZADE (French) Further to my 1223Q/8. Following members of SHEHERAZADE have now joined Free French cause and will rejoin ship:- 1 radio Officer, 4 seamen, 1 baker, 1 cabin boy. (C. in C. A.W.I. 0018Q/11 to Admty.)

FORMIDABLE. Can FORMIDABLE be taken in hand for damage repairs in U.S.A. probably about end July? (Structural damage) (D.O.D.(F) 0124B/11 to B.A.R.M.)

DUC D'AUMALE. C. in C. A.W.I's 2232/9. May be intercepted but men must be removed at sea and ship must not be sent into British port. Further orders. (A.C.N.S.(F) 0144B/11 to C. in C. A.W.I. Consul Gen., New York.)

U.S. Planes for Iceland. My 1000/10, weather permitting 8 planes schedule depart U.S.S. ALBEMARLE for Reykjavik at 0600 G.M.T./11 return flight planned four days later. U.S.S. BROOME will be in vicinity 63° N. 27° W. as guard vessel and will follow planes to destination. Period BAINBRIDGE will be on station as plane guard at 52° 40' N. 50° W. BELKNAP, TRUXTON and BROOME will depart for Argentina from Reykjavik after completion of return flight. (ALUSNA 0900/11 to Admty. D.D.I.C. 0910B/11 to N.O.I.C. Iceland.)

/WYOMING .....

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WYOMING. (French)	Considered possible may have left Casablanca end of May for Martinique. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1119Q/11 to CARADOC, VAN KINSBERGEN.)
FORTH. BUXTON.	Intend to sail FORTH and BUXTON at 1300P/12 routed through 135° Cape Race 30 miles and thence to St. Johns, N.F. E.T.A. 0300P/14. BUXTON is to return to Halifax when ordered by Capt. (S) 2. (B.S.3. 1151P/11 to Admty. etc.)
BUTTERFLY. XXIV MAGGIO. (Italian)	Censorship report reveals are expected to leave Recife early June attempting to run blockade with cotton hides and rubber. (C.C.S.O. Trinidad, 1411Q/11 to C. in C.A.W.I.)
PANDORA.	Capt. (S) 5's 1101B/8. Proceed from position D to pass through positions (Q) 036° 40' N. 047° 00' W. (R) 039° 50' N. 065° 00' W. thence to destination. (R.A.5 B.S. 1709P/11 to PANDORA.)
TRECARRELL. survivors.	CORNER BROOK arrived with 39 survivors of steamer TRECARRELL. Casualties (4 names) (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1725Z/11 to Admty.) TRECARRELL, British, 5271 tons, from Hull for Father Point in ballast, no information received as to fate of the ship. (D.S.647, 13/6)
KOS.VI. KOS. I.	Norwegian seagoing whalecatcher KOS VI sailed for Iceland (C) via St. Johns, N.F. (route) E.T.A. St. Johns a.m./14. If ready KOS I is to sail in company from Iceland (C) S.O. is Sub/Lieut. Hoel in KOS VI. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1931Z/11 to N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F.)

/C.I.P. .....

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C.I.P. (French) — St. Thomas reports C.I.P. sailing 12/6 for Bay Trinidad (corrupt group) CARADOC informed. (S.O.I. Kingston, 2012R/11 to Admty.)

LIVERPOOL. — Request LIVERPOOL be directed to arrive on 15/6 2100 zone 6 and pick up the pilot off SAN FRANCISCO Light Vessel. (B.A.R.M. 2259/11 to Admty.)

Australia.

R.D.F. Equipment. — Your 1825B/9. Installation programme for Australian Manufactured RD/F equipment (Navy Office, Melbourne, 1337Z/11 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

RIO AZUL. Following has been read from RIO AZUL SSSS 8.26 N. 18.38 W. Attacked by submarine again. (Freetown W/T 0700Z/11)

WELLFIELD. Following report from (corrupt group) Asdic escort investigating ship. (corrupt group) Norwegian ship HEINA bound Halifax from Liverpool. Reports passed S/M 047° 30' N. 042° 00' W. at 2000 Monday. Also reports picking up 16 men from British Tanker WELLFIELD. (Ends) (CHESHIRE 1220Z/11 to Admty.)

CITY OF SHANGHAI. (torpedoed 10/5) Third Officer's boat with 30 survivors ex CITY OF SHANGHAI picked up 9/6 and landed Freetown 11/6 ex STADARNHEM. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1730N/11 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported.

My. P.C. and S. 055° 12" N. 012° 12" W. 090° 12 altering course to 035° at 0400. (BETERAN, 0001B/11 to PIMPERNEL, DIANELLA, ARBUTUS.)
My noon P.C. and S. 055° 45' N. 011° 32' W. 040° 12 knots searching 055° 40' - 056° 40' N. 008° - 011° W. ST. ALBANS, NEWMARKET, CHELSEA, PIMPERNEL in company. Can continue till p.m./13 except ST. ALBANS leaving 12th. (VETERAN, 1155B/11 to C. in C.W.A.)
VETERAN and CHELSEA if not in contact are to leave U/B search at 1800/11 and return to Clyde. Remaining destroyers and corvettes are to continue hunt. Air co-operation will continue throughout the night/11.
(C. in C.W.A. 1242B/11 to VETERAN)

/0022 .....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported. -Contd.

0022. By D/F at 0022Z/11. Position of U-boat was approx. 49° 30' N. 42° 30' W. American authorities informed. (D.D.I.C. 0422B/11)

0700. Admty. Message A.F. Position 8.26 N. 17.38 W. 0700 G.M.T./11. (C. in C.S.A. 0629W/11 to G.B.M.S. 6A.)

0821. Radio Washington reports.Possible position Nazi submarine given by radio D/F as 048° 00' N. 051° 30' W. 0821/11. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0859Z/11 to N.O.I.C. St. Johns. 1345Z/11 to Admty.)

1206. One Whitley aircraft being despatched to search for U-Boat in position 61° 29' N. 13° 42' W. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1206/11 to C. in C.H.F. etc.)

0455/9. Intend sailing CROMER ROMNEY RHYL at 0800/12 to position 50° 19' 30" N. 02° 57' 24" W. to locate U.Boat thought possibly to be on bottom and to destroy same. Dan buoy was dropped in this position at 0455/9 during recent hunt. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1725/11 to C. in C. Plymouth)

2122. German U.Boat at 2122 G.M.T. bearing 250° 3rd class from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A.2300A/11 to BIRMINGHAM, MARSDALE, CUMBERLAND, MARON.)

Estimated U-Boat Dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1355B/11.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By WELLS. Following received from WELLS. Have attacked contact in position 062° 37' N. 013° 37' W. at 1545B contact was submarine. Weather report. T.O.O.1615/10th (ends). (C. in C.W.A. 0253B/11 to N.O.I.C. Iceland etc.)

By VASCANA. Contact regained fired pattern. My position dead reckoning 271° M.K.R. 206. (VASCANA, 1152B/11 to S.O.N.P. Trawlers.) Droppad third pattern. Contact lost. No visible results. Observed position 1123 061° 28' N. 013° 44' W. (VASCANA, 1256B/11 to S.O.T.N.P.)

MOST SECRET.

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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

German pocket battleship or cruiser located off South Norway.

Apparent attempt to mine the War Channel near the outer Dowsing.

Strategical situation in Central and Eastern Mediterranean with reference to convoys for Malta.

Home Commands.

Enemy.

At 2013/12 tonight N.A. Stockholm reported that a German Cruiser, believed of the LEIPZIG class, strongly camouflaged and with a catapult between her fore and main masts had anchored off Copenhagen at 2000/11, and that an Auxiliary Cruiser in her company had been seen to sail to the southward. At 2202/12 he further reported that a Warship with triple turrets, probably a Pocket Battleship, (later considered to be a LEIPZIG class cruiser) was off Copenhagen at 1030/12 today. Aircraft were despatched to reconnoitre and to intercept and attack, and located the enemy shortly before midnight.

An air R/C of Trondheim at 0700 today -showed much shipping moving in and out of the Fiord and 20 seaplanes and 3 large 10,000 tons M/V's in the harbour.

On the Denmark Straits Patrol HERMIONE was ordered at 1421B to patrol to the westward of 19° W., MANCHESTER remaining to the eastward of that meridian.

/TRIDENT ....

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands. (contd.)

TRIDENT, TUNA and SOKOL maintain the Biscay S/M Patrol between 45° and 47° 30' N. and 8° and 11° W.; and RUBIS reported at 0430 that she had repaired her outboard steering gear, and she is to R/V with an Escort off the Wolf Rock at 0500B tomorrow.

The S/M P.31 is proceeding, probably on the surface, to patrol off Trondheim.

British Air Activity.

25 aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Boulogne Docks last night, 4 aircraft attacked Rotterdam Docks, 3 Swordfish of Coastal Command attacked the docks at Dunkirk.

R/C Patrols were flown in the Denmark Straits and Iceland Faroes Passage, and the Patrols SENTRY I and II are to be flown tomorrow to intercept the enemy Warship.

Rover Patrols of 14 Torpedo Bombers from Wick and Leuchars were also flown, working Southwards from Jaederens Point to Lister Light and vice-versa, from 2200 tonight.

3 Blenheims with fighter escort of 23 Spitfires operated today against enemy shipping in the Channel and report 2 hits on a small merchantman off Gravelines.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Activity.

At 1710 an enemy A/C was identified over Pentland Firth and would have seen into the Fleet Anchorage.

The Faroese Smack THOR reports being attacked at 2300 in 58° N. 2° W. and shot down the attacking aircraft without damage to the ship.

At 0145 the Even numbered EC.Convoy was attacked without damage; and at 2025B the Odd numbered EC. Convoy was bombed without damage when South of the Humber, 3 enemy A/C being driven off by the 1 Blenheim escort and gunfire of all calibres.

Enemy Air Operations.

Trawlers and drifters were attacked off Ramsgate at 0030 and 0130. No reports of damage have been received.

Mining.

19 Hampdens laid mines last night in the Kiel and Frisian Islands areas.

C. in C. Nore considers that the events of the last 24 hours show that an attempt has been made to mine the War Channel between the Outer Dowsing and No.52 Buoy.

/There was ..

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.(contd.)

There was considerable A/C activity last night over the whole of the Thames Estuary, where six Explosions were observed, and 2 Mines were detonated yesterday by Sweepers in the Estuary and one at 1301 today.

2 Mines were detonated today by Sweepers off Milford Haven and one off Spurn Point.

Shipping and Convoys.

Until further orders no ships are to be sailed for Petsamo.

Submarines.

A redistribution of submarines affecting North Atlantic, Mediterranean and America and West Indies Stations was ordered today by Admiralty.

North Atlantic.

Submarines Versus Shadowing U-Boats.

F.O.C.N.A. suggests that submarines on convoy duty should be employed against shadowing U-boats in areas where raider activity is unlikely. He proposes the scheme be adopted on North Atlantic Station east of 12° W.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

S.S. LISS, routed in shore to avoid S/M's, was shelled today off Iles de Los by a shore battery, at about 15 miles range. Aircraft, spotting for the shore battery, machine gunned S.S. LISS. Steps have been taken to route ships further from the French coast in future. Later, two Vichy French air Officers were picked up west of Tamara Islands. They state that they were in the aircraft referred to and denied firing at S.S.LISS; that the action of the battery was contrary to instructions and that on identifying LISS they signalled to the battery to cease fire and to a sloop coming out that it was not required.

Mediterranean.

Strategical Situation — C. in C. Med. 11230/12 contains a note on the strategical situation in the Central and Eastern Mediterranean with reference to convoys for Malta.

French Tankers. — A C.2. report states that 3 French tankers left Marseilles yesterday afternoon in convoy, believed for Constanza. One, the FIRUZ, is said to have 400 Germans on board; TORBAY reports that she sank her by torpedo at 1300.

Malta. — Early this morning, a large number of enemy aircraft endeavoured to carry out a R/C of Grand Harbour but were heavily engaged by our fighters and A.A.defences. Hurricanes shot down 5 of the enemy with loss of 2 of our machines and one damaged.

/Wellingtons ....

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean. (contd.)

Western Desert and Libya.

Wellingtons last night bombed Benghazi and claim to have set fire to 2 ships and hit a third. A/C R/C later reported one ship on fire and one sunk in the harbour.

The pumping station and A.A. positions at Tobruk were attacked today by 18 German and Italian aircraft; no damage was caused.

5 enemy destroyers and 6 small laden M.V's were reported at 0550 today in 34° N., 12° 30' E., between Tunis and Tripoli (Africa). A second convoy, of 3 M.V's escorted by 3 destroyers was seen proceeding northwards.

Palestine and Syria.

Enemy aircraft attacked Haifa and Tel Aviv between 0211 and 0505. No material damage was caused. Mines were dropped off Haifa. Sweeping is in progress, but it is not considered necessary to close the port.
32 fighter aircraft today maintained patrols over our ships co-operating with the Army.

JANUS.

Arrived at Port Said today, towed by PROTECTOR.

Aegean.

S/M PARTHIAN reports that M.A.S. and possibly E.boats are believed to be working from Mudros. C. in C. Med. reports that PARTHIAN torpedoed a tanker off Tenedos(apparently the STROMBO which reached Istanbul severely damaged on 5/5) and sank two large sailing vessels and a large steel lighter in an attack on Mytylene harbour.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

W. Approaches.

EMPIRE DEW, from the Tyne for Canada, was torpedoed at 0230 this morning about 770 miles W. of the Fastnet. An American warship is in the vicinity.

CHINESE PRINCE, from Haifa, Port Said and Table Bay for Liverpool, was torpedoed at 0419 about 205 miles W. by N. of Bloody Foreland.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Clyde A/S Protection.

F.O.I.C. Greenock's 1201NB/6. I consider it is essential to maintain adequate A/S protection of the Clyde and that this could to some extent be met by four 72-foot M/LS. Suggest that the 106th M/L Flotilla should be reallocated for this duty for which they are most suitable and sailed as early as possible. (C. in C.W.A. 1024B/12) Your 1024B/12. Regret 106th M.L. Flotilla is not available. Request you will make the best provision possible, using units already allocated to your Command. (A.C.N.S. H. 1916B/12 to C. in C.W.A).

SUTLEJ.

R.A.D.H.F. 1215B/11 and F.O.I.C. Glasgow 1744B/11. No Oerlikon guns are at present available for fitting in SUTLEJ. Work in preparation for fitting these guns should however be progressed as far as possible provided that ship is not delayed thereby. (Controller 1226B/12 to R.A.D. H.F).

Newfoundland Escort Force.

Position regarding Control of Newfoundland Escort Force is not clear. Present arrangements involve a mixed force of R.N. and R.C.N. Ships working under a Captain (D) R.N. who will be responsible to C.C.N.F. under Ottawa, with general Operational Control vested in C. in C. Western Approaches -I consider the most satisfactory solution would be for C.C.N.F. and Newfoundland Escort Force to be placed directly under my Operational Command, as in the case of all other Western Approaches escorts, in any case, I would suggest that the position should be clearly stated, whatever arrangement may be decided on in consultation with Canadian Authorities. (C. in C. W.A., 1635B/12 to Admty.).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Defence of U.K.

Cowes. — Re A.A. defences. (H.Q.F.C. 1030/12 to Air Ministry.).

Faroes. A/A Guns for Thorshaven. — Your 2200B/4. Bofors guns will be supplied and emplacement and accommodation arranged by Military Authorities. (D. of L.D.1803B/12 to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

Movements.

THRASHER. OSIRIS. — (a) Intend to sail THRASHER and OSIRIS escorted by LA MOQUEUSE at 1200B/14 for 350° Cape Spartel 10 miles. E.T.A. 0700A/20. Routes.
N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection for passage Bishop Rock.
THRASHER and OSIRIS are painted Mediterranean blue. (Capt. S.3 0931B/12 to F.O.S).

9th M/L. F. for Gibraltar. — Admty. message 1310B/11. Consider it important for S.O. of escorting destroyers to discuss and see at Portland towing arrangements for M.L's now being fitted for towing. Advisable to carry out one trial tow either at Plymouth or Portland before 18th. Prefer latter place. (R.A.C.F. 0944/12 to C. in C. Plymouth).

CUMBERLAND Escort. — Your 1942B/11. There are no S.A. fitted Hunts or Wairs in the Rosyth Command. (C. in C. Rosyth 1052/12 to Admty.).

FURIOUS. VANQUISHER. WINCHELSEA. — Detach VANQUISHER, WINCHELSEA TO Liverpool from North Channel. Remaining destroyers escort to Clyde. (C. in C.W.A. 2235B/12 to FURIOUS).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Operations.

Biscay S/M Patrol.

A. After dark 12th TRIDENT proceed to patrol in 45° 34' N. 08° 34' W.
B. TUNA proceed so as to arrive in 46° 04' N. 09° 13' W.at daylight/13. Leave patrol after dark 17th and return to Holy Loch as ordered by Captain S.3. (F.O.S. 1244B/12).

Intend to sail SEAWOLF at 2000B/14 for patrol in 046° 04' N. 009° 13' W. Route. (Capt. S.5 1511B/12).

Denmark Straits Patrol.

Intend EDINBURGH to relieve HERMIONE on 16/6 and SUFFOLK relieve MANCHESTER on 18/6.
When there is fog to the eastward good visibility has been found to the westward and vice versa. One cruiser should therefore patrol each side 019° W.
Capt. (D) 3 to detail a destroyer to escort each cruiser. (C.S.18 1415B/12).
My 1415B. HERMIONE to patrol Western Area. (F.O. 18 C.S. 1421B/12 to HERMIONE).
Intend sail at 1830 G.M.T. today passing through 066° 40' N. 019° 10' W. 000° 17 at 1300 G.M.T/13 ICARUS in company. (HERMIONE 1810B/12)

M.T.B's off Belgian Coast.

Weather permitting one unit of 60 foot motor torpedo boats is to operate between Nieuport and Zeebrugge to-night.
Surface craft met east of 002° 15' E. may be attacked without challenge. (C. in C. -Nore 1550B/12 to BEEHIVE).

Harwich 12/6 departures M.T.B's 18, 14. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2135B/12).

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity.

Patrols.

The following air patrols will be carried out when ordered. Cross over patrols.
FRICE. ROVIK ONE. ROVIK TWO. POLAR. BEAR.
Sweep WALRUS.
2 Aircraft on parallel track sweep commencing from (?corrupt group) 066° N. 025° 45' W. and 066° 20' N. 26° 15' W. on tracks 060° for 180 miles thence on tracks 330° for 50 miles thence on 240° for 180 miles.
(C. in C.W.A. 0139B/12. Note. For details of patrols see Summaries Folder.
TRUST, BERT, STAB, STAND and SLEEVE in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 0156/12).
Confirming telephone conversation Patrols Stab Stand Bert Trost to be flown forthwith till further notice cloud cover permitting. (H.Q.C.C. 1320/12).
PRU R/C of Skagerrak now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1600/12).
Sentry I and II to be flown by Sunderland A/C. Patrols to be commenced at 1200/13 and 1400/13 respectively and continued to P.L.E. Object interception of enemy War-ship. (H.Q.C.C. 1815/12 to 18 Group). (C. in C.Rosyth 2116/12 to C. in C. H.F).

Fighter Catapult Ships A/C.

A case has occurred of an aircraft being launched from a fighter catapult ship and then circling round convoy as opposed to making direct attack on an enemy aircraft which escaped and may have returned to Germany with first information about catapult ship. WA Convoy Instructions part 352 para 11B is written for 15 Group and not for Catapult Aircraft, the pilots of which are reminded that escorts and merchant ships have been instructed that single engine aircraft in Western Approaches may be considered friendly, and that the pilots object is to make every use of speed and manoeuvrability of his aircraft to destroy the enemy. Request this may be made clear to pilots of Catapult Aircraft of Merchant ships. (C. in C. W.A. 1144B/12 to PEGASUS, MAPLIN, ARIGUANI, SPRINGBANK, Admiralty).

/Interception.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity-Contd.

Interception of enemy warships.

Despatch forthwith ROVER patrols of 22 and 42 Squadrons from Wick and Leuchars in accordance with telephone instructions working south from Jaederens Point 58° 44' N. 05° 30' E. to Lister Light and from Lister Light Northwards respectively.
Object to intercept and attack enemy warships.
(H.Q.C.C. 2200/12 to 18 Group.)
Sweep of Norwegian Coast between Jaederens and Lister being carried out now by 14 torpedo bombers. Five aircraft making landfall Jaederens flying southward, nine aircraft making landfall Lister flying northward. (C;in C. Rosyth 2314/12 to C. in C. H.F).

Escorts.

A/S Air escort of 1 Catalina has been arranged from 1600 until further orders. (C. in C. W.A. 0844B/12 to C. in C. H.F).
My 0844B/12. Air escort will be taken over by 30 Wing Iceland at 0100Z/13. (C. in C. W.A. 1530B/12 and 2122B/12 to C. in C.H.F)
Your 1730/11. Approved.
Admiralty are arranging for special air escorts H.Q.F.C. and H.Q.C.C. are requested (a) to keep C. in C. Rosyth informed of arrangements made.
(b) to arrange that sailing authorities are informed whether conditions are suitable in accordance with para. 6 of C. in C. Rosyth's 1730/11. (A.C.N.S. H. 1758B/12 to C. in C. Rosyth).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy E.C. Even.	Convoy MISSION is being attacked by enemy aircraft. (MORRIS DANCE 0145/12). Fighters being sent to even numbered E.C. convoy. (Lyness 2033/12).
A/C off Akureyri.	Your 1805Z/11. After investigation with Military and Air Force vicinity of the opinion that no A/C other than the Iceland Aeroplane mentioned in my 1158/11 were flying in vicinity Akureyri at the time you report you located them. I am reporting matter to C. in C. H.F. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1653/12 to HERMIONE).
A/C over Scapa.	At 1710 enemy A/C was identified over Pentland Firth and would have seen into Fleet anchorgge. (A.C.O;S. 1802B/12).
Convoy E.C. Odd.	Enemy bombing odd numbered E.C. convoy position 53° N. 2° E. (WORCESTER 2025B/12). My 2025B. 3 ME 109 attacked Blenheim 2 miles astern of convoy in 53° 20' N. 2° 25' E at 2025 and were driven off by gunfire of all calibres. One ME received direct hit with Pom-Pom and Lewis Gun and disappeared losing height with smoke pouring out of it. Remaining 2 driven off. Blenheim put up a wonderful fight and is undamaged. (WORCESTER 2035B/12).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Mining.

Escort for CUMBERLAND.

Admty. 2237B/4. 1916/4 and my 2158B/10. As the result of mining PINTAIL and ROYAL SCOT and other explosions observed between Outer Dowsing and 52 buoy in last 24 hours it is apparent attempts have been made to mine War Channel between these two positions. Character of explosions indicates that mines are acoustic.
(ii) If this practice continues it is advisable that an S.A. fitted Destroyer should accompany CUMBERLAND from May Island to Sheerness.
(iii) WINDSOR now repairing at Dundee would be suitable.
(iv) The only other destroyer in The Nore Command fitted S.A. is HAMBLEDON now working up at Scapa. (C. in C. Nore 0336B/12).

Thames Estuary.

Two S.A. mines detonated yesterday as follows. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 0945/12).
One Magnetic Mine detonated by Sweepers at 1301/12/6 in 218° E. Nore Sand Buoy 2.5. cables. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1620/12).
Summary of aircraft activity and explosions etc. in Thames Estuary on night of 11/12th June. (S.O. T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1919/12).

Sweep off Hartlepool.

L.L. Trawlers carried out a S.A. and L.L. Search sweep of Q.Z.X. 228 bound by the following positions. Negative result. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1023/12).
My 1023/12. An Oropesa search of area will be carried out. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1700/12).

Operation B.S. 64.

By TEVIOT BANK on a date to be chosen. Particulars. (V.C.N. S. 1030B/12).

/S.N. 66.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Mining-Contd.

S.N. 66.

My 0847/7 and Admty. 1705/10. It is now intended to lay S.N. 66 before S.N. 67. There is therefore no urgency for your soundings and you should proceed direct to Milford Haven if fuel allows. (R.A.M. 1059B/12 to SCOTT).
Intend to carry out as follows, sailing 0500/15. Details. (R.A.M. 1148B/12.)
See Operations Volume.
My 1148/12. Request one destroyer may be sailed to arrive Port ZA before dark/14 if available. (R.A.M. 1149B/12 to C. in C.H.F)
-Your 1149B/12. Regret no destroyer available. (R.A.D. 2325B/12 to R.A.M.).

M.M.S. 16.

Damage caused by mine to M.M.S. 16 is as follows. Details. Ship requires docking and main engine lifted. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1155B/12).

Inverness Minefield.

My 1925/10. Inverness Group 1 C relaid. (ALCA 1330/12).

B.S.58.

Your 1339/12. Proposed line for B.S. 58 is as follows. (C. in C. Nore 1624B/12).

Milford Haven.

2 Mines detonated by Sweepers today. Details. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1804B/12).

Spurn Point.

At 0805 L.L. Trawlers detonated mine in position 248° Spurn Point Light 3.4 miles. (F.O. Humber 2005B/12).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Intelligence.

Trondheim R/C.

Air R/C of Trondhjem 0300/12 shewed much shipping in fjord in and outward bound. 20 seaplanes moored western part of harbour and much shipping further east including 3 M/V's of about 10,000 tons - one vessel - possibly U/B supply ship enclosed by nets - some more nets partly covering entrance. (D.D.I.C. 1606B/12).

TIRPITZ. Cruiser off Copenhagen.

(a) TIRPITZ reported off Ronne Bernholm 8/6. Graded B.2.
(b) Cruiser believed LEIPZIG class but with catapult between fore and main masts and strong black and white camouflage anchored off Copenhagen at 2000/11. Auxiliary cruiser in company observed to sail southwards. Graded B.2. (N.A. Stockholm 2013/12).
(1) My 2013/12. Warship with triple turrets reported off Copenhagen at 1030 today. Graded B.2.
(2) Observers in each case probably untrained.
(3) Inference - Pocket Battleship. Graded B.2. (N.A. Stockholm 2202/12). (Note amended 13/6).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties and Defects.

RUBIS. Your 1158B/10. Outboard steering gear repaired. My position is 048° 36' N. 007° 38' W. course 042°, diving by day. (RUBIS 0430B/12 to F.O.S).
Sailed LA CAPRICIEUSE to R/V with RUBIS in position 250° Trevose Head 10.0 miles at 1200B/13. (Capt. S.3 0921B/12).
Your 0430B/12. R/V with local escort in 230° Wolf Rock 10 miles at 0500B/13 who will escort you to meet LA CAPRICIEUSE near Trevose Head. (Capt. S.3 1021B/12 to RUBIS).
Sailed LA CAPRICIEUSE to R/V with RUBIS. RUBIS was in 048° 36' N. 7° 38' W. at 0430B today. Course 42°. Diving by day. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1057B/12 to C. in C.W.A).
Detail one A/S trawler to R/V with RUBIS in 250° Wolf Rock 10 miles at 0500/13 and escort her via QZS 207 to meet LA CAPRICIEUSE. -(C. in C. Plymouth 1358/12 to Cdr. Aux. Patrol).
My 1358/12. For AMQS 207 read AMQY 207 (C. in C. Plymouth 1500B/12 to Cdr. Aux. Patrol).
My 1358/12. LORD ESSENDEN detailed. (C. in C. Plymouth 1504/12 to Capt. S.3).
My 1021B/12. Name of local escort A/S Trawler LORD ESSENDEN. (Capt. S.3 1701B/12 to RUBIS).
Sailed 1900 LORD ESSENDEN. (C. in C. Plymouth 1918/12).

EASTBOURNE. -Rudder damaged against S/M L 26 when casting off. Probably hit hydroplane guard. No shock felt in submarine. Presumably no damage. Diver reports EASTBOURNE rudder twisted to Port. Ship now carries 12° starboard helm. Completes working up 16/6. (WESTERN ISLES 0956B/12).

/YOUNGCLIFFE.....

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Casualties and Defects-Contd.

YOUNGCLIFFE. (Mine recovery drifter) Arrived Fraserburgh. (YOUNGCLIFFE pounded off Kinnaird Head, then grounded when entering harbour. Making water fast. Situation well in hand. (R.N.O. Fraserburgh 1014/12). My 1014/12. YOUNGCLIFF is now on slip. Survey being made. (R.N.O. Fraserburgh 1604/12).

MELROSE ABBEY. (Grounded 28/3). My 1041/11. Further attempt will be made by ATTENTIF 0500/13 on passage to Peterhead. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1102/12).

M.L. 313. Arrived Peterhead from St. Monance, with Engine trouble. (N.O.I.C. Peterhead 1337/12).

Shipping and Convoys.

H.G. 63. All 29 ships arrived under Cdre. Illingworth R.N.R. 8 were Allied and 3 Neutral. Cargoes. (D.S. 646, 12/6).

Petsamo. Until further orders no ships are to be sailed for Petsamo. (D.T.D. 1821B/12 to N.C.S.O.'s Clyde, etc.).

Personnel, Ships. 128. Admiralty's 1746B/8. 1809B/11. (1) Convoy consists of CALIFORNIA, BULOLO, MENDOZA. (11) A/S escort. ELECTRA, ANTHONY ANTELOPE, PIORUN from Clyde. ROXBOROUGH to join from Londonderry. (111) S.O. S/M's escort, ELECTRA. (C. in C.W.A. 2101B/12 to N.O.I.C. Greenock etc.).

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Submarines. Following redispositions of submarines are to be carried out. (V.C.N.S., 2120B, to C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., R.A.3) See Operations Volume.

North Atlantic.

S.M's on Convoy duty. Suggested methods of attack on shadowing U/Bs. Propose this scheme be carried out on the N. A. Station East of 012° W. (F.O.C.N.A. 1006A/12 to Admty.) Comment of F.O.S., see Shipping., 1247/13).

MARSDALE. Request may be re-routed to arrive Gibraltar 0800/17 for refuelling. (F.O.C. Northern Patrol 1054B/12 to F.O.C.N.A).

MARON. Is MARON to proceed to Gibraltar of U.K. (F.O.C.N.A. 1058A/12 to F.O.C.N.P).

SHEFFIELD. A.T. 2344B/8 and 1621B/10. If nothing is sighted leave area after dark today and proceed so as to arrive in position 038° 44° N. 20° W. 12 miles by 0600 (zone+1) 13/6 and patrol an area within 40 miles of this position. (A.C.N.S. F. 1706B/12 to SHEFFIELD). Cancelled, see 1400/13.

FIRUZ
VENDEMIAIRE
(French tankers) Reported left Marseilles in convoy p.m./11 for Black Sea. 400 Germans reported on FIRUZ. C.2. (F.O.C.N.A. 1710A/12 to CLYDE) See also Mediterranean, 2329/12.

A/S forces. Your 1916B/7. Request ships detailed for working up at Gibraltar may bring maximum amount ammunition. (F.O.C.N.A. 1714A/12 to Admty.).

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Gibraltar security. Your 1854A/10. R.N.P.S. crews will be provided. (F.O.C.N.A. 1715B/12 to Admty.)

SEVERN. Sails for patrol in Tyrrhenean Sea 2130A/14 (route) Intend SEVERN to carry out programme outlined in my 1824B/27/5 amended as necessary by experience of CLYDE. (F.O.C.N.A. 1810A/12 to C. in C. Med.).

Evacuees Gibraltar. Your 1243/9/6. Lisbon instructed to use AVOCETA. Accommodation not sufficient. AGUILA due Gibraltar 18/6 to collect remainder. (F.O.C.N.A. 1816A/12 to Admty.).

A/S Forces. A.T. 1916B/7. Increase in A/S force here very welcome. Hoped however that adequate base staff and maintenance personnel will precede or accompany M.L. Flotillas. Difficulty experienced in coping with running repairs of Third Flotilla. Any extension of base commitment can only be undertaken at expense of refits of destroyers etc. Not considered desirable to remove armed boarding trawlers from that duty as apart from their peculiar suitability for that work they are in fact now used for A/S operations when on patrol if submarines are reported in their vicinity. ST. DAY at present functions as A.B.V. when not required for towing but increase in vessels working up here and removal of VALKYRIEN will entail larger commitments. When may WIERCEL be expected to return? (F.O.C.N.A., 1820A/12, to Admty.)

French Convoy. Gibraltar 12/6 1217 French Light Cruiser EPERRIER escorting OUED FIFLET, PORT SAINT LOUIS, THISBE. All laden IMERETHIE light, westbound. (S.O.I. Gib., 1845A/12 to Admty. etc.).
Also passed eastbound tug TOURTERELIE escorting CAPITAINE ARMAND, and PONTET CANET, both laden. (D.O.R. 15/6).

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Tangier reaction to Syria.

A reliable source French Morocco to-day states events in Syria are being accepted with surprising calm. Among many important officials only Admiral D'Harcourt and one army officer shewed anger. D'Harcourt said Germans were making no claims on French North Africa and emphatically denied reports regarding ceding of naval bases. (Tangier, 1847/12 to Admty.).

L'ORAGE.

Request reason for detention at Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 902 1856B/12 to Admty.).

CLYDE.

Route. RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS and destroyers will be operating in Mediterranean Report E.T.A. when West of 002° W. (F.O.C. N.A. 1910A/12 to CLYDE).

South Atlantic.

Gibraltar Evacuation.

Following from C. in C.S.A. (quotes his 2027/10).
Request report re cargo and boiler cleaning. (D.S.T. 0407B/12 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown).
Accommodation available in SCYTHIA. (C. in C.S.A. 1901N/12 to F.O.C.N.A).

Ammunition Free French.

Your 1358/30 and my 1634/22 Free French report ammunition will fit guns from PARIS and COURBET. (Admty. 1054B/12 to C. in C.S.A).

/Fuelling.....

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Fuelling of transports.	Oil taken in S. African ports should be limited to amount necessary to reach Aden where ships should bunker to capacity. (D.O.D.(F) 1126B/12 to C. in C.S.A. etc.).
Intelligence.	Obtained during visit to Rio de Janeiro (R.A.S.A.D. 1217Z/12) See Lion copy.
SINKIANG.	Chesor Mauritius reports that SINKIANG due to leave Diego Saure or Saigon 12/6 has 1553 tons Graphite for Yokohama. (S.O.I. Capetown 1613B/12 to Admty.).
Embarkation of prisoners of war.	Admtys. 1704B/9/6. Request names of ships that will require escort and date of sailing. Your 2134/10/6. (C. in C.S.A. 1847N/12 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown).
ANGLO INDIAN, CORDILLERA, GASCONY and STORNEST.	Have you any information regarding these ships? (D.T.D. 2015B/12 to Consul, St. Vincent).
Takoradi. Lagos.	Takoradi should be opened to traffic about 14/6 and Lagos about 19/6 unless there are further developements. (C. in C. S.A. 2023N/12).
Escort for oilers.	The following oilers are due at Gibraltar or Freetown from West Indies about the dates stated. (list) Request you will arrange escort to valuable oilers from West Indies to Gibraltar and Freetown. Names and dates of arrival. (A.C.N.S. (T) 2238B/12 to C. in C.S.A).
ANSON.	St. Helena Departure 2230/12. E.T.A. at Capetown 1515, G.M.T./18. (General, St. Helena, 2353/12 to Admty, etc.).

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Mediterranean.

Enemy Units.

5 enemy destroyers 6 M.Vs. position 34° N., 12.30 E. course 190°. (A/C duty X via Malta 0550/12 to 48 G.R. Sqdn.).
(? 3) destroyers 3 merchant vessels position 34.00 N., 12.28 E. 0028 course 004° speed 6 knots. (A/C duty X via Malta 0551/12 to 48 G.R. Sqdn.).

Situation report No.53.

Syria. Our forces are progressing on land with destroyers giving active support. LEANDER has returned to Alexandria and will sail P.M./12 with two destroyers to relieve AJAX and destroyers on Syrian Coast. NUBIAN has left Alexandria for transit of Canal and repairs at Suez.
Submarines. TRIUMPH torpedoed A.M.C. RAMB in Benghazi on 9th and sank 1 armed tug and 2 empty sailing ships on 4th in position 31° 37 N. 15° 38 E. (C. in C. Med. 08280/12 to Admty.).

FLAMINGO. PROTECTOR. (towing of JANUS).

My 0918/10. FLAMINGO return to Alexandria on completion. PROTECTOR remain at sea Port Said. (C. in C. Med., 09240/12 to ships concerned).
My 0924/12. PROTECTOR return to Alexandria on completion. (C. in C. Med., 1202/12 to PROTECTOR).

E-Boats. Mudros.

PARTHIAN reported M.A.S. and possible E-boats are believed to be working from Mudros. (Capt. S.1., 09370/12, to TETRARCH).

FIRUZ. VENDEMAIRE. GEN. GASSOUIN.

Report graded C.2 that French tankers FIRUZ, VENDEMAIRE and GENERAL GASSOUIN sailed from Marseilles p.m./11 in convoy believed for Constanza, FIRUZ sail to have 400 Germans on board. (D.D.I.C. 1034B/12 to C. in C. Med. etc.).

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ANNARELLA. DORA C. URANO. (Italian).	Extract from a Fairmiss telegram. Arrivals Istanbul 11/6 ANNARELLA, DORA C, URANO. Departures ANNARELLA, DORA C for Trieste - 16/6. URANO for Constantza 12/6. (Istanbul 10440/12/6).
Benghazi bombed.	Operational Summary No. 367 up to 1200 hours 12.6.41. Night 10/11. 5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour damaging Central Mole and Shipping.
Derna A/C bombed.	F.A.A. Aircraft attacked enemy aircraft on Derna and Gazala Aerodrome setting fire to four A/C on Derna. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1053/12).
Malta Convoys.	Reply to V.A. Malta 0822B/11. (C. in C. Med., 11280/12) See Mediterranean Volume.
ANNARELLA. DORA C.	By Mideast 140 London 245, 10/6. ANNARELLA and DORA C entered Bosphorus 1315 and 1330 G.M.T. respectively for Aegean probably Italy. (S.O.I. Istanbul No. T.O.O. recd. 1328/12).
Reprisals for Alexandria bombing.	Following from Chiefs of Staff. Your 15400/10. Matter is under consideration but before decision it is necessary to know where the bombing occurred in Alexandria. Please give information with reference to Map. G.S. 3930 sheet Alexandria. (1st S.L. 1225B/12 to C. in C. Med.) Reply: 1412/14.
ANTWERP MALINES.	Your 1722/10. Invaluable. (C. in C. Med. 12470/12 to Admty.).

/Haifa.....

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Haifa Raid 10/6.

Summary No. 28 up to 0800 hours 12/6. Stick 4 unexploded bombs mid Haifa 10/6 German type 250 KG HE with single Rheinmetal 28 fuse. Believed aircraft bombed up Dodecanes en route Syria. Reported police radio intercepted intercommunication German and French this raid.

Haifa and Tel Aviv raids. Mining.

E.A. attacked Haifa and Tel Aviv between 0211 and 0505 12/6. Bombs dropped at Tel Aviv 0222 and on Haifa 0225 to 0343. Few casualties little damage Tel Aviv. No material damage. I.P.C. Haifa. (H.Q. P. and T.J., 1305/12).

Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40. Air raid on Haifa lasting approx. from 0200 to 0515/12. One bomb only in harbour on shore. Two probable 9 mines fell in water due east of lee breakwater head. Sweeping operation being carried out. No considered necessary to close port. No damage to fuel oil. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 13090/12 to C. in C. Med.).

Ref. last night's air raid, examination fragment on railway line S.E. of Haifa proves almost conclusively that it was part of G mine. This appears to be reasonable proof that unexploded missiles just East of leeward B/W head are also mines. Routine sweeping is being carried out. Orders to shipping. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 17250/12 to F.O. 15 C.S. AJAX, d.10, D.2).

UNIQUE.
UNION.
UPRIGHT.
URSULA.

My 1250B/8. UNIQUE and UNION sail p.m/15 for Area X. and Area Z respectively. UPRIGHT sails p.m./16 for Area W. URSULA delayed by defective generator sails when ready for Area Y, southwest half of area as for UNION. (Cdr. S.1 1359B/12 to Capt. S.1)

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Haifa Air Raid 10/6.

Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40 Para 4 and my 1219/10/6 air raid on Haifa. (a) 10/6 weather cloudy. (b) High and low level bombing recurred in waves of one to four aircraft, some machine gunning after low level attack. Number of aircraft unknown, believe that French and German bombers approached Haifa from all directions duration of attack four hours. (c) H.E. bombs, M.G. fire. (d) Unknown, 25 craters found directed against Port Area, Electric Power Station, Eastern Railway Station, I.P.C. Tank, Farm C.R.L. Shell Company. No evidence of mines (e) (i) Damage of importance nil; (k) A.A. fire by Units of the Fleet most effective. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1600/12 to C. in C. Med.).

Air attack on enemy convoy.

C.S.R. up to 1600 hours. Anti Convoy activity from Malta. 2 Blenheims 82 and not 139 Squadrons as reported in my I.365 11/6 * attacked Convoy 6 M/V's 3 DRS. 3 Auxiliaries sighted 1249 hours 11/6 by Maryland 5 direct hits amidships on 5000 tons M/V causing large fire and volumes of smoke. Claimed as total loss. 1 Blenheim Sq. Ldr. Watson hit masts of ship crashed into sea feared no survivors. * (N.T. in W.D.)

Malta Air Raids.

Night 11/12. 2343 - 0200 hours. Air alarms for 5 enemy aircraft 2 only crossed coast and dropped bombs near Ta Kali. Other bombs in sea. Bomb damage negligible. Early morning 12/6. Enemy made Recco in force of Grand Harbour heavily engaged by accurate A.A. Hurricanes shot down 5 enemy fighters into sea. We lost 2 Hurricanes in sea. Midday enemy sent rescue floatplane with strong fighter cover. Hurricanes made contact 15 miles south Sicily and shot rescue aircraft down in flames. In ensuing fight 4 enemy fighters were destroyed confirmed. This evening another floatplane was shot down by Hurricanes 15 miles south Sicily and has now sunk. (H.Q.R.A.F. Malta, 1630/12).

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TAKU.	You will be required to remain on patrol until relieved by REGENT about 18/6. (Capt. S.1, 1731C/12 to TAKU).
ENCOUNTER.	C.in C. Med.'s 1133/9. I consider best chance lies in sailing ENCOUNTER during period of low visibility and that it will be advantageous for her to leave Malta some hours before sunset if possible, returning if necessary should her presence be detected. If period of low visibility can be forecast Force H can sail to afford cover from approx. longitude Algiers or can create diversion in vicinity Balearic Islands. (S.O. Force H, 1757/12 to V.A. Malta).
Palermo.	Periscopic reconnaissance Palermo 11/6 revealed warship probably Italian Cruiser GIOVANNI DELLE BANDE NERE Class Cruiser and large tanker inside Harbour. (CLYDE 2143A/12 to C. in C. Med.).
FIRUZ. (French).	F.O.C.N.A's 1710/12. (Reporting sailing of French tanker FIRUZ from Marseilles). Add to my 0255/8, vessel sailed Marseilles thence through Straits of Bonifacio. Add to your 2237/11 (N.T. in W.D) and sunk by torpedo 1300. E.T.A. P.M/15 or A.M./16. (TORBAY, 2329/12 to Capt. S.1).

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Advance on Syria.

Enemy F.L. bombed in Beirut.

4 T S R's bombed flotilla leader in Beirut (? Roads) at about (?midnight) (corrupt group) 829 Squadron 0 907/12 (?reliable) but obtained no hits.
(Lydda 0905/12, to H.Q., P. and T.J.)

HOTSPUR
JAGUAR
KANDAHAR.

C. in C. Med., 1823C/11. HOTSPUR is required for boiler cleaning and JAGUAR to make good defects. KANDAHAR will be required about 18/6 for docking.
(R.A.(D) Med., 1157C/12 to C.S.15.)

Enemy Ships, Beirut.

Following from H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., Reconnaissance report from H.Q.P., and T.J rendered at 2000/11 states 3 submarines 2 destroyers 2 ships Beirut. Latakia small craft.
T.O.O. 0642/12.
(C. in C. Med., 1308C/12, to F.O.15 C.S.)
(Capt. O.S., Alexandria, 1615C/12 to N.O.I.C. Famagusta (Cyprus.)

Air Raid on Haifa 10/6.

Details. Number of aircraft unknown, believed French and German bombers approaching Haifa from all directions duration of attack 4 hours. No evidence of mines. Damage of importance nil. A A fire by unit of the fleet most effective.
(N.O.I/C. Haifa 1600/12.)

JAGUAR.

My 1412/12. Delete JAGUAR who will be one of the special service vessels accompany you to Alexandria.
(C. S. 15 1601/12, to AJAX.)

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GRIFFIN.
KIMBERLEY.
DEFENDER.

Your 1412/12 to AJAX only. In view of R.A.(D) Mediterraneans' 1157C/12 intend to sail GRIFFIN KIMBERLEY and DEFENDER at 0800/13. JAGUAR to sail with AJAX. Capt. (D) 10's 1549/11. DEFENDER will not be ready until 1930/12.
(AJAX, 1631C/12 to C.S.15.)

Ships in Beirut?

H.Q. Palestine and Transjordan's 1311C/12 (Not to Admiralty). Approved to attack if ships are outside harbour. N.O.I.C.Haifa pass to Palestine and Transjordan.
(C. in C. Med., 1712C/12 to N.O.I.C. Haifa, C.S.15.)

Reconn., Report. (?Beirut.)

Following received addressed C.S.15. Reconnaissance aircraft 3 ships in position with steam up at 1900. Submarines on the surface 3 miles out to sea proceeding eastwards apparently making for harbour had red two figure numbers on side. Large passenger ship appears to have left harbour.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 1940/12.)

Saida bombardment.

Am informed Army will probably require full scale bombardment Saida tonight. Confirmation and details follow.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa 1950/12 to C.S.15.)
Join me off Saida. Report E.T.A.
(F.O.15. C.S. 2003/12 to Capt. D.14.)
Following received addressed N.O.i/c Haifa, repeated Capt. (D) 2.
Your 1950/12 refers only to strictly military objectives.
If required bombardment will be carried out by PHOEBE.
(C.S.15, 2007/12.)

/My position.

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Saida bombardment (Contd.)

Advance on Syria.
My position (5 corrupt groups) 05" N., 035° 16' 10" E., if bombardment required. I will flash R's by Aldis from this position, contact urgently required. N.L.O. will indicate his position and flash F's both at approx. one minute intervals.
(N.L.O., 2010C/12, to Ships off Syrian Coast.)
My 1950/12. Bombardment will not be required tonight.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 2118C/12 to C.S.15.)

Situation report 54.

Syria. Army had reached read position at mouth of Latani River a.m./12. LEANDER JERVIS and HASTY have sailed from Alexandria. Haifa was attacked by aircraft from about 0100 to 0500/12. Little damage but some mines laid. HYACINTH arrived there 0700 to sweep. JANUS has arrived Port Said.
2. Cyprus. Both M.T.Bs. 68 and 215 are now out of action through defects. Depot ship VULCAN is at Famagusta,
3. Alexandria. Difficulty continues with Port facilities and in completing repairs to ships due to absence of Workmen and strikes.
4. Submarines. PARTHIAN torpedoed an 8,000 ton tanker off Tenedos believed sunk and sank two large sailing vessels and one large steel lighter in attack on Mytylene harbour. Another tanker STROMBO has been reported by S.O.(I) Istanbul torpedoed east of Cape Matapan and arrived Istanbul severely damaged 5/5.
5. CACHALOT left Alexandria today 12th with White oil supplies for Malta.
6. VOYAGER, WATERHEN transporting supplies and personnel to Tobruk every other night.
(C.in C. Med., 2214C/12, to Admty.)

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East Indies.

W.S.8A.	Following are disposal instructions for personnel ships of W.S.8A. (D.S.T. 0406B/12, to P.S.T.O., Egypt.)
S.W.7.	COLOMBO escorting convoy S.W.7 arrived. (N.L.O., Durban, 0556Z/12, to Admty., etc.)
CHULA.	Lighter CHULA foundered 0030/9 while in tow by UPESI on passage Kismayu Mombasa. (D.S.T.O. Mombasa 1225Z/12.)
DIDO. CHAKDINA.	DIDO wearing flag of S.N.O. Red Sea Force E.T.A. 0215Z/13, CHAKDINA 0300Z. DIDO has 2 Generals and one Naval Captain Prisoners of War. CHAKDINA has 500 officers and 494 other prisoners of war. (DIDO, 1550Z/12, to N.O.I.C. Aden.)
SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. CLAN MACBRAYNE.	Message 1110/10 from Mideast and A.T.0041B/5. Adm., Muselier concurs in retention of SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA for Jibuti blockade. S.S. CLAN MACBRAYNE does not proceed beyond East London. Request you will arrange any necessary on-carriage of ammunition from Capetown direct with F.O.I.C. Simonstown. (D.O.D.(F) 1800B/12 to C. in C. E.I.)
U.S.11A.	Your 0558/24 and my 1034/25. Following alternatives for supplying water to U.S.11A. at Trincomalee. (D. of S.T. 2130B/12 to C. in C. E.I.)

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China.

French Ship. — Arrival 12/6. GOUVERNEUR GENERAL PASQUIER. (Saigon 0806Z/12.)

America & West Indies.

French Ship. — Following from Philadelphia (begins) "BR SOCONY reports sighting French steamer steering 90° 7 knots in 3926 N., 5250 W., 0830, G.M.T/4"(ends). Further description of French ship being obtained.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 0125Z/12, to Admty.)
My 0125Z/12. Details. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 2147Z/12, to Admty.)

PANDORA. — Following is repetition of my 1709P/11, (Route for PANDORA.)
(R.A.3. 0953P/12, to PANDORA.)
After position "D" in 42° N. 35° W. proceed through new position "E" in 37° N. 46° W., thence to "F" in 41° 30' N., 65° W., thence to destination. Acknowledge when west of 25° W.
(D.O.D. (H) 1124B/12, to PANDORA.)

DUC D'AUMALE. — Your 0750/30 (Re WINNIPEG.) Trinidad agent of French Line prepared to request Martinique Authorities send. DUC D'AUMALE Trinidad collect 6 Naval Officers and about 300 military, mercantile ratings and passengers, if ship is given safe conduct. 104 passengers 92 crew still on board WINNIPEG.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1220Q/12, to D. of S.T.)

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ASCANIA. — Intend ASCANIA to leave for Bermuda at 1800P/13 expected 0500Q/16/6. ASCANIA will be available for BHX 134 subsequently returning to Halifax. (R.A.3 1357P/12 to C. in C. A.W.I. etc.)

BRITISH POWER "R" Report 10/6. — RRR, BRITISH POWER, 10 /6 has not been cancelled in accordance with A.M.S.I. 378 (2) (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1430/12 to Admty.).

MONT VISO. — My 1119Q/11. Intercepted letter from Casablanca dated 28/5 states MONT VISO en route for Martinique was recalled by W/T to Casablanca and now lies alongside WYOMING which has 600 refugees on board. (C. in C. N.W.I. 1509Q/12 to CARADOC, VAN KINSBERGEN.)

French fishing vessels. — Ref. telegram No. 286 from Gov. of Newfoundland to Dominions Office, please take recruiting measures among crews of French fishing vessels IZARRA MADIANA and LIGHT OF CALAIS as in my 0750/30/5 and 2119/6. (D.O.S.T. 1618B/12 to N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F)

Dakar Intelligence. — Following from Navy Dept. 10/6 from Dakar dated 10/6. Graded A.O. Arrived ERIDAN from South after being re-taken from British by GLOIRE and aircraft. Arrived BANGKOK, BENTY and CAP HERBESRAR from Morocco, latter with troops for (?demobilisation). (N.A. -Washington, 1635/12 to Admty.).
Note. C. in C. S.A. reported on 9/6 that ASPHODEL in company with COLUMBINE reported ERIDAN 60 miles S.W. of Dakar on 9/6. In view of nearness of Dakar and indication that assistance was being sent, ASPHODEL was told not to interfere.

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LIVERPOOL. — Following received from B.A.R.M. Request LIVERPOOL be directed to arrive on 15/6 2100 (zone + 8) and pick up the pilot off San Francisco Light Vessel 2259/11 (ends). (D.O.D.(F) 1829B/12 to C. in C. A.W.I. LIVERPOOL, amended 1320B/15).

"Q" Report HIGHLAND MONARCH. — Following has been read. QQQQ 43.34 N. 30.38 W. HIGHLAND MONARCH suspicious, course 180° true speed 15. 5 knots 1835 G.M.T/12 1831/12 de GLD (Liverpool, 2053/12).
Ref. Rugby transmission 1831/12 DE GLD Lat. HIGHLAND MONARCH read by Canadian Stations was 41.34 N. (Halifax W/T 2336Z/12 to Whitehall W/T).
De GMZF cancel my QQQQ 1835/12 friendly vessel 1904/12 ends. (Valentia Radio, THI., 2012/12).

St. John's Capacity. — Your 1637B/11. Berthing capicity of St. Johns N.F. Harbour is strained to its utmost limit at present. (N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F. 2131/Z/12 to C. in C. W.A.).

BAYANO. "R" Report. — BAYANO has cancelled R message 1456/12 in code. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2146Z/12 to Admty.).

Newfoundland Force. — Your 1034/4. Arrangements proposed are confirmed, and will be promulgated separately (1st S.L. 2239B/12 to C. in C. A.W.I).

Admty. 1818B/11 (N.T. in W. D) Area searched only 40% owing to fuel expended searching original area. E.T.A. Bermuda 06000/15. (DIOMEDE, 2358Z/12 to Admty.)

MOST SECRET.

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia.

HOBART. Request you will sail HOBART in accordance with C. in C. E.I. 1056. (A.C.N.B., 1043Z/12 to F.O.C. Aust. Sqdn.).

MOST SECRET

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Ships Attacked

EMPIRE DEW

SSSS 51.09 N., 30.16 W., EMPIRE DEW torpedoed. (SS EMPIRE DEW via Liverpool W/T 0030/12)
Proceed to assistance of EMPIRE DEW torpedoed in position 051° 09' N., 030° 16' W. at 0030/12. (C. in C. W.A. 0309B/12 to LANDGUARD, GORLESTON)
Re SSSS EMPIRE DEW torpedoed (position) Navy Dept. reports U.S. warship in this vicinity. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0350Z/12 to Admty.)

CHINESE PRINCE

SSSS 56.12 N., 14.18 W. CHINESE PRINCE torpedoed. (CHINESE PRINCE 0219/12)
Detach 1 corvette to assistance of CHINESE PRINCE torpedoed (position) (C. in C. W.A., 0448B/12 to PIMPERNEL)
Aircraft report 1400B/12 CHINESE PRINCE sunk, survivors in 056° 12' N., 014° 18' W. (C. in C. W.A. 1453B/12 to PIMPERNEL)
Following has been read. Destroyers nearby to rescue. (A/C Duty Z., 1500/12 to Aldergrove)
Following has been read. Survivors on rafts in 56.11N., 14.00 W., attracting destroyer. (A/C Duty H. 1500/12 to 15 R. Group)
Report number of survivors rescued and if all are accounted for. (C. in C. W.A. 1924B/12 to PIMPERNEL)

SAMSO

My 1329/4/5. Danish SAMSO torpedoed 1645 G.M.T./1/5. 0° 35' N., 16° 17' W. No wireless. 2nd Officer reports ship sunk by one torpedo Chief Engineer lost 2nd Engineer with ? 4 crew landed Freetown 4/6 remaining 14 including Master at Conackry. (C. in C. S.A. 0628N/9)

Unknown Ship
1615

Following has been read. SSSS (Enemy S/M) 48.50 N., 52.10 W. sighted submarine periscope not identified. De NERK (Not in War Reg. Signal letter Index) (NERK 1615/12 to Halifax W/T)

/TRESILLIAN.....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Ships Attacked

TRESILLIAN — Ref. TRESILLIAN's SSSS I am assuming you are taking all possible action with Air and surface forces at your disposal. (C. in C. A.W.I. 2339Q/12 to N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F.) See 13/6. TRESILLIAN was torpedoed at 0415/13)

Submarines Reported

0410 — By D/F at 0410Z/12 position of U/Boat was approx. 8°N14° W. (D.D.I.C.1021B/12 to NORFOLK, VELOX)

2118/11 — D/F Bearings at 2118Z/11 indicate U-Boat within 100 miles of 15½° N., 31° W. Is this confirmed and is there any other indication in this area which would suggest desirability of diversion of traffic in a particular direction?
Also request degree of reliability of position 8° N., 14° W. given in a.m. 1021/12 to NORFOLK as this is most important to traffic approaching Freetown from south. (C. in C. S.A. 1341N/12 to Admty.)

Estimated U/Boat dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1426B/12)

3 U-Boats. — There are 3 U-Boats in Bay of Biscay area inward bound. (F.O.S. 1624B/12 to S/M's on patrol in Area A.)

1030 — Submarine periscope reported by Merchant Ship in position 048° 50' N., 052° 10' W. at 1030Z/12. (F.O. 3 B.S. 1649P/12 to North Atlantic Escort Force.)

/2035.....

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Thursday

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Submarines Reported-Contd.

2035 U.S. Destroyer BAINBRIDGE reports S/M (?049° 12' N., 051° 24' W. sighted periscope twice and maintained contact for 50 mins. approximately 16. (N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 2035Z/12 to C.O.A.C. Halifax)

Submarines Attacked

Have attacked contact in position 055° 50' 30" N., 007° 03' W. Target is now stationary on bottom. Depth charges have started seam in provision room. Am remaining in contact but cannot drop further depth charges. (WELLS 2200B/12 to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Air attack on German pocket battleship or cruiser off EgersUnd.

Operation "Tracer", (despatch of Hurricanes to Malta for M.E.).

French destroyer torpedoed in Jun/eh Harbour by Naval aircraft.

U-boat operating near Newfoundland.

Home Commands.

Northern Patrol.	MANCHESTER, HERMIONE and two destroyers are patrolling the Denmark Straits. KENYA and NIGERIA are patrolling south east of Iceland.
M.T.B. Operation.	Two M.T.B's operated last night between Nieuport and Zeebrugge.
Battle cruisers & PRINZ EUGEN.	At 0745 today the SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU and PRINZ EUGEN were still at Brest.
Western Patrol.	Three new patrol areas have been established to cover a possible approach of French shipping to the Azores from the westward also to cover the route recently taken by captured Italian shipping which was bound from the Canaries to French west coast ports.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

In the early hours of this morning 4 Blenheims of Coastal Command attacked the enemy naval units at Brest. Single aircraft attacked targets at Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Attack on Enemy pocket battleship.

Owing to low visibility only 3 of the Beaufort aircraft despatched located the enemy reported by shadowing aircraft at 2358/12. Between 0218 and 0230 the Beauforts attacked and obtained at least one torpedo hit (R.A.F. claim two hits) on the cruiser or pocket battleship in 58° 20' N 5° 40' E (near Egersund).
At 1027B aircraft reported an enemy battleship stopped in 57° 42' N 8° 0' E. It is not yet clear whether or not a second force, including a cruiser was operating near Egersund.
Four Stirlings were despatched to attack the battleship, but all four were recalled shortly after leaving. Three Beauforts were despatched to attack, but failed to sight the enemy.
The pocket battleship or cruiser with destroyers was shadowed and reported several times during the day; it was last reported at 1605 in 58° 5' N 9° 33' E steering 095° at 15 knots.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Activity.

VERBENA was machine gunned by an enemy aircraft this morning, 130 miles N.W. of Bloody Foreland. No bombs were dropped and the aircraft retired when VERBENA opened fire at it.

Attack on W.N.39.

S.S. DALEMOOR Commodore's ship in Convoy W.N.39 was bombed and set on fire at 0053 about 8 miles S.E. of Girdleness and was later towed into Aberdeen Bay. She shot down the attacking a/c.

M.V. EMPIRE CREEK in same convoy was attacked by a 4 engine a/c at 0130 in 57° 16' N 1° 43' W and was disabled by near misses. She reached Aberdeen.

~~S.S. KINGSTOWN was bombed and sunk whilst in tow.~~

Irish Sea.

S.S. ST. PATRICK (G.W Ry. passenger steamer) was bombed and sunk at 0426 in approx. 52° 4' N 5° 25' W and coasting vessel KINGSTOWN was sunk whilst in tow of a trawler off St. Anne's.

Enemy aircraft made wide spread machine gun attacks, principally on civil property on the Shetlands this morning.

An enemy a/c flew over Scapa Flow again today.

A single enemy aircraft attacked Lowestoft at 0345. Blockship KING HENRY was sunk and damage was caused in the docks. The aircraft dropped correct recognition signals prior to bombing.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Six Beauforts of Coastal Command laid mines off Brest last night.

The Tyne was closed from 0235 to 1140. Tees and Hartlepool are closed owing to suspected minelaying.

S.S. ALA was mined and sunk at 2038 today in 50°41'57" N.0° 52' 0" W, whilst being towed from Shoreham to Southampton.

North Atlantic.

A single enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs harmlessly in the Bay at Gibraltar last night, and withdrew over Spanish territory.

South Atlantic.

D.F. bearings at 0016Z suggested an enemy surface unit within 100 miles of a line joining 5° N 17° W and 20° S 12° W. SHROPSHIRE has been ordered to investigate and PRETORIA CASTLE to patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

Action with E-Boats.

JADE whilst searching for a missing Hurricane pilot attacked 2 E boats 17 miles south of Cape Passero at 0420. The larger E boat received a direct hit with 4 inch at very close range. The enemy fired 4 torpedoes which missed. JADE sustained superficial damage from bullets: a midshipman died of wounds.

Operation "Tracer".

S.O. Force H left Gibraltar this morning in RENOWN with ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS, and 7 destroyers, with aircraft for Malta.

Western Desert.

4 Swordfish F.A.A. attacked Tripoli harbour in the early hours of this morning. There was a smoke screen over the harbour.

Six Wellingtons attacked Benghazi harbour last night.

Cyprus.

Two enemy aircraft bombed Lefka (25 miles W. of Nicosia) and Katina (on the S.W. coast) today. No damage was caused.

Syria.

Destroyers co-operating with the troops bombarded a large battery of French 75's and other French positions near Saida.

Last night, F.A.A aircraft from Lydda attacked unsuccessfully a destroyer in Beirut Roads and a warship 5 miles north of Beirut.

At 0129 a Swordfish of 815 Squadron torpedoed a Vichy French destroyer of the GUEPARD class probably THEOPHILE GAUTIER in Jun/eh harbour (8 miles north of Beirut).

Ships at sea have had some fighter protection but this may now have to be withdrawn. The force with C.3.15 was unsuccessfully attacked at 0530 by 8 or 9 Ju. 88 with Italian marking 3 were shot down and 2 damaged by fighters.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

Attack on S.L.76.

CUMBERLAND reports that 2 ships in Convoy S.L.76 have been torpedoed about 700 miles west of Lisbon. It is believed that S/Ms are shadowing the convoy. 2 corvettes were detached from escorting O.G. 64, to join S.L.76 and SHEFFIELD is to join the convoy.

America & West Indies.

S.S. TRESILLIAN ex Convoy O.B.330 was torpedoed this morning about 330 miles E.S.E. of Cape Race, N.F.

MOST SECRET.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Iceland. Control of Reykjavik Harbour.

Your 1727/2 and A.C.O.S. 1137/4. Without full knowledge of local situation difficult for Admiralty to take action. If Harbour Master, Reykjavik has sufficient powers under Icelandic Govt. simplest solution would probably be for Govt. to be asked to amend their Regulations so that you become statutory authority for exercising Governmental powers.
Preferable that requisitioning should be done by Icelandic Government at the instance of naval or military authorities. You have, of course, as a commander of occupying force full powers of requisition if agreement does not succeed.
Request you will state whether arrangements on the above lines will be satisfactory. If so you should consult British Minister who would refer to F.O. in case of difficulty.
(Head of M. 1113B/13 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).

A.M.C.'s on Denmark Straits Patrol.

C. in C. H.F.'s 2326/7. Information is requested as to future intentions regarding A.M.C. patrol in Denmark Straits.
(ii) AURANIA at present at Hval Fiord will return to Halifax 15/6 as in my 1216B/20/5 and my 1100B/4.
(iii) If it is not intended that patrol is to be resumed in the near future instructions are requested for DERBYSHIRE's movements observing that ships normally leaving Iceland 25/6 have embarked draft for Halifax.
(F.O.C.N.P. 1500B/13 to Admty).

Free French Corvettes.

Your 2232B/7.
There is no objection to the allocation of corvettes manned by the Free French to the Newfoundland Escort Force.
(D.O.D. H., 1555B/13 to C. in C. W.A.)

NORFOLK.

C.S.1 1611/29. It is intended to take NORFOLK in hand for repairs on her return to U.K. (Controller 1726B/13).

MOST SECRET.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

AURANIA.

N.O.I.C. Iceland is requested to sail AURANIA for Halifax on or about 15/6 providing A/S escort.
(F.O.C.N.P., 1510B/13 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).

Operations.

Denmark Straits Patrol.

Arrived SUFFOLK and ACTIVE.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland, 0801/13 to C. in C. H.F.).
Sailed ACTIVE to relieve ACHATES.
E.T.A. 066° 40' N 019° 00' W. 0001Z/14.
(Capt. D.3. 1101Z/13 to MANCHESTER).

Iceland-Faeroes Passage.

My p.C. and S. at 0800 061° 42' N. 018° 22' W. 117° 17 knots.
(C. in C. H.F., 0807/13 to Admty).

Western Patrol Areas.

So as to cover a possible approach of French shipping to Azores from westward and also to cover route recently taken by captured Italian shipping which were bound from the Canaries to French West Coast ports, three new areas AZ, BX, CZ. are to be established, betwe 35° and 38° W.
AZ 40° - 39° N.
BZ 39° - 38° N.
CZ 38° - 37° N.
(2) S.O.N.P. is requested to take necessary action to establish patrols in areas AZ, BZ, as soon as possible.
(3) At same time the remaining C.B.V. in Northern Zone should be moved to Area A1.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1622B/13 to S.O.N.P.)

Searchlight at Audresselles.

An exceptionally powerful searchlight was observed last night 12th/13th on the French Coast at Audresselles. The beam appeared to be diffused. The searchlight was sweeping mainly to the westward but could also train to the east or north. On occasion patrols in our Coastal Channel were silhouetted against the light to observers on shore and coastal craft in Mid Channel were passed over by the beam but were apparently not detected from the enemy coast. (V.A. Dover, 1833B/13.)

MOST SECRET.

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity.

1 Cruiser 4 destroyers bearing 180°. Distance 4 miles. Course 270°. My position 57° 48' N 6° 50' E.
(Duty, W. 0001/13 to 18 Group H.Q.)
Unable to amplify attacked by A (? aircraft).
(Duty W. 0100/13 to 18 Group H.Q.)
6 Destroyers 1 Cruiser bearing 090° distance 2 miles. My position 58° 20' N 5° 40' E.
(?Duty,W. 0220/13).
Have attacked enemy Cruiser with torpedo. Estimated one hit. (?Duty W. 0230/13.)
Have attacked enemy with torpedoes. No hits.
(? X9ZY. 0240/13 to Rosyth W/T).
Have attacked 4 destroyers and 1 cruiser my position 58° 40' N 4° 52' E.
(?X9ZR, 0245/13 to Rosyth W/T).
Enemy pocket battle ship or cruiser screened by destroyers sighted in 057° 44' N 006° 50' E. at 0001 and attacked by A/C in 058° 20' N 005° 44' E at 0230. One hit claimed.
(F.O.S., 0348B/13 to S/Ms on Patrol).
Enemy previously reported are 1 cruiser 4 destroyers. (?Origin 0415/13).
Two cruisers 4 Destroyers bearing 350° 4 miles Course 330°. My position 57° 58' N 6° 22'E.
(?Origin, 0420/13 to 18 Group H.Q.)
Enemy has altered course to 120 approx.
(Plymouth 0446/13).
Beaufort W/42 reports that at 0218 in 58° 21' 05° 50' E flying at 500 ft. (cloud 8/10 CU 1,000 ft. occasional moonlight, vis 8 miles sea choppy).
Beaufort flew across stern (1,000 yds away) of an enemy force consisting of 6 vessels as far as could be seen - 5 D/RS and 1 CR or L PBS of 10,000 tons. 1 D/R ahead - and 2 D/RS on each side of large vessel- course 315° T at 20 knots. Beaufort carried out a port beam attack on 10,000 ton vessel from 80 feet height 500 to 700 yards range.
A/C turned to PRT and W/O and A/G both saw a high column of water amidships or target - followed immediately by dense cloud of white smoke. Pilot flew round and observed smoke No flak before or during attack. 2 bright lights fired from leading destroyer on port side during run at target.
(Pitreavie, A.C.H.Q. 0555/13 and Signal Pitreavie Recd. 0940/13).

4 vessels.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity. - Contd.

4 vessels type unknown destroyers or large warships 1 battleship bearing 180° 1 mile course 180° my position 58° 24' N 6° E.
(?Origin 0600/13 to 18 H.Q.)
Report of Beaufort R/42.
0222 in 58° 21' N 5° 45' E made search and sighted 1 Cr 4 Dr in that position heading northerly but stationary. Beaufort made two runs for torpedo attack through smoke to within 400 yards on port beam of Cr but torpedo failed to release.
0228 attack abandoned. Moderate A.A. fire from Drs. White smoke was seen from Cr forward of funnel which appeared to be hit by earlier attack.
0240 set course base. (Pitreavie 0615/13).
Beaufort Y/42. reports sighted, German P B S or Cr (10,000 tons) 58° 21' N 05° 45' E. Discharged one torpedo believed to run to position presumed abaft amidships (target enveloped in white smoke.)
Heavy accurate light flak from 1 escorting D/R.
C/R which was stationary, screened on coast side by 5 Drs. was attacked by running up on port beam and releasing torpedo. Probably a hit was obtained - estimated as above, as track was observed disappearing in smoke which surrounded target. After attack Beaufort S/C for Base. (Pitreavie, A.C.H.Q., 0636/13).
My 2014/12 and aircraft reports. Owing to low visibility only three aircraft located enemy reported by shadowing aircraft at 2358/12. One torpedo hit, amidships, one possibly hit and one failed to drop. Second and third aircraft reported ship stopped. R/42's signalled position, as amended on landing approximates to that of W/42. Interrogation of pilots does not make it clear whether ship was LUTZOW or NURNBERG, but former appears more likely.
(C. in C. Rosyth 0823/13 to C. in C. H.F.)
A 1 LEU/023/13/6
2 RO/G16/12/6.
B. Report of Blenheim D/114.
At 0557 sighted enemy warships, 5 drs of which 1 is thought to be LUTZOW Class and 1 larger warship light grey, straight stern, 1 funnel and one gun turret fore and aft. Believed PBS. Position 58° 24' N 6° E., southerly course, hight speed, no signs of damage. A/C climbed into cloud over enemy force and made run NW to SE at height 3,000 in line flight.

/dropped.....

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British Air Activity. - Contd.

dropped 500 S.A.P. inst. bombs which fell 75-100 astern of PBS. No hits. A/C took rapid evasive action in face of E/A fighter escort and, taking cloud cover, set course base. A.A. fire from vessels not effective. (Pitreavie 0920).
Have regained contact one Enemy Battleship 5 destroyers bearing 085 distance 15 miles. Position 57° 40' N 7° 30' E.
(A/C Duty X 1029).
R Y/42 reports:-
0225 Signal received from W/42 stating enemy force of 6 Drs. 1 Cr. in 58° 20' N 5° 40' E course altered to intercept.
0230 In position ZNEF 2145 sighted enemy force of 1 Cr. 5 Drs. stationary and attacked Cr. running up on Port Beam. Torpedo was released from height of 200' range 1,000 yards. Track was observed disappearing into smoke screen surrounding Cr. and hit was estimated amidships. Heavy concentration of lightflak mostly very accurate was experienced from one escorting Dr. immediately after attack
0231 Set course for Base P.
Blenheim D/114 reports:-
0557 Sighted enemy warships 5 Drs. of which 1 is thought Beitzen class and 1 larger warship, light grey, straight stern, 1 funnel, and one gun turret fore and aft believed PBS Position 58° 24' N 6° E., Southerly course, high speed no signs of damage.
Flight dropped 2 X 500 S.A.P. INST bombs which fell 75-100 astern of PBS. No hits. A/C took rapid evasive action in face of E/A fighter escort and taking cloud cover set course base. A.A. fire from vessels not effective. (Pitreavie 1045/13).
Aircraft report one Battleship stationary in 057° 42' N 008° E at 1027.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1052/13).

/A RO/M13/13/6.....

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British Air Activity. - Contd

A. RO/W13/13/6.
B. RF RH
C. 1 CR 4 DRS 1 PBS 5 DRS
D. 57° 56' N 7° 46' E. 57° 40' N 7° 30' E.
E. 0630/13 1027/13.
F. 075 degs. 085 degs.
K. Sighted by Z/220. X/248.

This amends previous refs to these forces not to all addressees. (Pitreavie 1150/13). My 0348B. Aircraft report enemy battleship stopped in 057° 42' N 008° E at 1027B. It is not yet clear whether or not a second force including a cruiser was operating in the vicinity of Egersund, about 0230B. (F.O.S., 1307B/13 to S/Ms on patrol). Enemy force consisting of 1 cruiser or pocket battleship escorted by 5 destroyers doing close A/S patrol and at least 4 A/C seen proceeding eastwards at 10 - 15 kts. at 1215 hours in position 57° 50' N 08° 20' E. 3 small vessels possibly E boats approaching force in line abreast from N.4 to 5 vessels seen in Kristiansands Vestrehavn including one large vessel possibly supply ship.
One A/C seen circling over Kristiansand.
R/C of Egersund impossible owing to cloud cover A/C report.
(Pitreavie 1445/13).
1 Cruiser 5 Destroyers bearing 095° Distance 10 miles approx true Course 095° position 58° 5' N 9° 33' E. (A/C Duty S, 1605/13).
Blenheim S/248 shadowing force RH. at 1518 sighted 1 CR 5 DRS in position 58° 6' N 9° 25' E. from distance of 10/15 miles away. CR only appeared slightly larger than escorting destroyers and is estimated by crew at not more than 10,000 tons. Enemy force was zig-zagging. Enemy vessels opened fire on S/248 which was flying at 7000 feet. S/248 shadowed force until 1605 when left enemy force. in 58° 4' N 9° 53' E steering 095° at 15 knots. (Pitreavie, 2000/13).

/Bombing .....

MOST SECRET.

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity. - Contd.

Bombing Restrictions.

Institute submarine T.B.R. in Needles Sanctuary from 2130 B to 2300B /14/6. Also 10 miles either side line 48° 06' N 06° 38' W and 46° 04' N. 09° 13' W from 0400B/18/6 to 2300B/19/6. (H.Q.C.C. 0320/13).
Institute submerged bombing restrictions in Area (?) from 2300B 14/6 to 1200B 15/6. (H.Q.C.C. 0325/13)

Operation WANDER.

(R) X/59 on operation WANDER reports:- Patrol carried out. This operation has great possibilities. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 0730/13)

Attack on S/M

Aircraft reported successfully attacking submarine in your vicinity at 0605. Are you all right. (F.O.S., 0751B/13 to P.31)
P.31 reports she dived on sighting unknown A/C at 0555B/13 in 59° 21' N 00° 00'.
(F.O.S., 1506B/13 and 1622B/13).

Patrols.

My 2116/12. Postponed. (SENTRY I and II).
(C. in C. Rosyth 1210/13).
My 2116/12 and my 1210/13. SENTRY 1, on patrol at 1600/13, and SENTRY 2 on patrol at 1800/13, are being flown.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1325/13).

Escort.

Owing to weather conditions regret A/S air escort cannot be provided. (C. in C. W.A., 1305B/13 to C. in C. H.F.)
A/S escort will be provided from first light 14th until arrival by Whitley aircraft.
(C. in C. Rosyth 2116/13 to C. in C. H.F.)

Search for BISMARCK.

Your 1623/28 May. Request further report by signal on behaviour of aircraft torpedoes against BISMARCK.
(Vice-Controller, 2219B/13 to S.O. Force H).

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Friday.

HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Activity. - Contd.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Air Activity.

Unknown Vessel.	AAAA 15 miles N.E. Skerries Holyhead South being attacked by aircraft. (Sea-forth Radio, 0229/13). Now clear no further attack. (LOUTH 0334/13).
Convoy SAPPER.	Help. 1 airplane. My position 50° 31' N 5° 20' W. Course 240 speed 6 knots. (BROCKLESBY 0400/13).
Lowestoft bombed.	Lowestoft Attacked by single A/C at 0345. Small number of Military casualties. Blockship KINGHENRY sunk. Damage to Dockside Offices and stores. (N.O.I.C. Lowestoft 0455B/13). My 0455B/13. Aircraft dropped correct recognition signals prior to bombing. (N.O.I.C. Lowestoft 0553B/13).
BARON CARNEGIE.. (bombed 11/6).	My 0040/12. BARON CARNEGIE sank at 2330/11 in about 52° 04' N 5° 01' 30" W. while in tow of rescue tug SEINE. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1019/13).
Convoy W.N.39. DALEMOOR, (British 5796 tons) bombed.	Convoy W.N.39. attacked by A/C at 0053/13 position 57° 04' N 01° 51' W. S.S. DALEMOOR hit, set on fire, and abandoned. PIROUETTE with 27 and GAVOTTE with 12 survivors, proceeding to Leith. PIROUETTE reports enemy aircraft type unknown was destroyed no survivors at 0925/13. DALEMOOR in tow of tug ABEILLE IV with tug ATTENTIF in attendance proceeding to anchor in Aberdeen Bay. Vessels draught 26 feet precludes taking her into Aberdeen Harbour. Vessel still on fire fore and aft but master of ABEILLE IV considers stil chance of saving vessel. (C. in C. Rosyth 1127/13.) PIROUETTE and GAVOTTE arrived. (N.O.I.C. Leith 1205/13).

My 1127/13.....

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Convoy W.N.39 DALEMOOR, (British 5796 tons) bombed. - Contd.	My 1127/13. C.O.'s of escorts of convoy W.N. 39 report aircraft was JU 88 and was certainly destroyed by machine-gun and 12 pdr. fire from S.S. DALEMOOR and seen to crash. Casualties in DALEMOOR believed about 12 men. Commodore and Captain of DALEMOOR both believed killed on bridge. 4 Naval 2 Military and 23 Civilian survivors landed by PIROUETTE, 12 by GAVOTTE at Leith, and 2 by WHADDON at Rosyth. (C. in C. Rosyth,1803/13 Present condition. DALEMOOR. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1831/13). Intend sailing in tow ABEILLE IV 0300/14/6 for Leith. E.T.A. daylight p.m. (Adty., Salvage Officer, Aberdeen, 2238/13).
EMPIRE CREEK (British, 332 tons.)	EMPIRE CREEK attacked by 4 engine A/C 0130/13 Position 57° 16' N 01° 43' W. 2 near misses engines disabled. No casualties. Now in Aberdeen. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1146/13).
St. PATRICK (British 1922 tons). KINGSTOWN (628 tons.)	WOLSEY reports S.S. ST. PATRICK bombed and sunk in about 52° 04' N 5° 25' W. at 0426. A/S Trawler INDIAN STAR has 36 survivors now landing Milford Haven, WOLSEY has 20 survivors Coaster KINGSTOWN sunk in tow of Trawler 287° 6 miles from St. Anne's, reason unknown. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1256B/13).
Shetlands bombed.	Enemy A/C made widespread machine gun attaks principally on civil property in Shetland North of A line Scalloway to Lerwick between 0530 and 0930B/13. At no time were more than 2 aircraft seen and never at more than 500 feet owing to low cloud. A.J.U. 88 machine gunned Unst Fetlar and Yell between 0815 and 0850B. An Aircraft coming west over Scalloway, at which Bressay A/A battery fired 6 rounds at long range, machine-gunned the Military camp at Tingwall wounding four men and flew north. No R/C was made of Sullom Voe or Lerwick. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 1332/13).

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THOR Y.M.35. A/C claimed destroyed.

(Faeroese Smack), Attacked by unidentified A/C M.G. 2300/12/6 position 58° N 2° W. Skipper supported by crew's evidence claims plane immediately shot down, exploded on hitting sea, and sank without trace. Superficial damage. Skipper slightly wounded. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1622/13).

A/C Over Orkneys.

Enemy A/C seen at 10,000 feet over Castletown Aerodrome at 1830 to-day and reported as Heinkel. Plotted from point near Brough Ness, South Ronaldsay to centre of Flow, thence south. All plots 10,000 feet or above. Some cloud, but A/C should have seen into Flow. (A.C.O.S. 2006/13).

Mining.

Tyne.

Port of Tyne closed due to enemy minelaying. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0235/13).
Port of Tyne open. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1140/13).

Tees. Hartlepool.

Port of Tees and Hartlepool closed owing to suspected enemy mine laying. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool, 0403/13).

B.3.64.

Carry out operations B.3.64 on 15/6. Destroyer escort will R/V with you at Humber L.V. (C. in C. Nore 1024B/13 to TEVIOT BANK). Intend to R.V. with escort at Humber L.V. at 0900/15 and take departure from 62D buoy direct for initial position. Laying will begin at 1245. Return by same route. S. of A 11 knots. (TEVIOT BANK, 1336B/13).

B.3.58.

Your 1624B/12. Concur. (D.DO.D.M. 1133B/13 to C. in C. Nore).

/Operation.....

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Operation Q.J., (Minesweeping Exercise off Aldeburgh).	Request you will carry out operation Q.J. tomorrow. (C. in C. Nore 1157B/13 to F.O.I.C. Harwich).
M.M.S.16 (Mined 12/6).	You are to sail forthwith. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1500B/13 to M.M.S.16).
B.S.58 B.S.59 B.S.60	Operation B.S.58 is to take place on night of 16th/17th. Position. PLOVER, one Corvette as escort, and 3 of 4th M.S.F. Route as for B.S.57. Subject to B.S.58 being carried out as above B.S.59 and B.S.60 will take place on nights of 18th/19th and 20th/21. respectively. (C. in C. Nore, 1742B/13).

Enemy Intelligence.

Lights off Brest.	48° 15' N 5° 12' W. Sighted two rows 6 miles apart of lights evenly spaced 2 miles apart on the water. The rows converge towards East seeming to point towards Brest. Seen 0022 and persisted throughout patrol. (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth, 0530/13).
War Ship off Copenhagen on 12/6.	My 2202/12. Cancel my paragraph 4. Inference should read Leipzig. (N.A. Stockholm 1002/13).
8 M.V.s off Brest.	Enemy previously reported 8 Merchant vessels. -3 Merchant vessels in 47° 20' N 6° 19' W course 080 speed 6 knots. 5 Merchant vessels in 47° 14' N 6° 10' W course 270. (A/C Duty Q 1425/13). Have regained contact. P.C.& S. of enemy 47° 10' N 6° 15' W, 260°, 10 knots. (A/C 19 Group, Duty Q 1745/13 to 19 Group H.Q.) My 1745. RRRR. One Blenheim over ships. (Duty Q, 1746/13).

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Brest.

Photographs through dense haze at 1300/13 show SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU definitely present at this A.M. but SCHARNHORST no longer emitting smoke. Interpretation one HIPPER less certain, but vessel considered present. (P.R.U. St. Eval, 1500/13).
Preliminary interpretation of photographs of Brest 1215/13 shews both battle cruisers still present. PRINZ EUGEN not seen on account of cloud conditions.
(D.D.I.C., 1643B/13).

Shipping and Convoys.

W.S.9B.

My 0340/20/5. Following are revised arrangements. (D.S.T., 0135B/13) See Lion Copy.

S.C.32.

Congratulations on bringing safely to U.K. all the ships of your convoy S.C.32.
(C. in C. W.A., 1058B/13, to Rear-Adm. E.W. Leir).

H.G.63.

Congratulations on bringing the whole of your convoy H.G.63 safely to U.K.
(C. in C. W.A., 1104B/13 to Cdre. C.G. Illingworth).

S/Ms on Convoy Duty, use for A/S.

F.O.C.N.A.'s 1006A/12. Only objections to proposal appear to be
(A) Possible failure of S/M to regain contact with convoy owing to visibility having closed down.
(B) Possibility of convoy mistaking a U-Boat shadowing in daylight for the friendly submarine rejoining.
(C) A strip of T.B.R. astern of convoy would be necessary particularly if own aircraft are fitted with A.S.V.
Not considered these objections are serious during summer months, and if accepted that the area proposed is an unlikely one for surface raiders I suggest F.O.C.N.A.'s proposal be approved. (F.O.S., 1247B/13 to Admty).

/S.L. 75.....

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S.L. 75

Congratulations on bringing safely to U.K. all the ships of your Convoy S.L.75.
(C. in C. W.A., 1510B/13 to Adm. Crooke).

Military Personnel maximum numbers.

Admty 1958B/14/5 para 2.
Maximum number for Military personnel in unescorted merchant ships is to be limited to 100, and for R.A.F. 100 with the over-riding ruling that not more than 25 of this number are to comprise members (including Officers) of Air Crews.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 2154B/13 to C. in C.s and S.T.Os)

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North Atlantic.

Gibraltar Air Raid.	Light air raid on Gibraltar. Some bombs fell outside Moles. No damage as far as can be ascertained at present. (F.O.C.N.A., 0206A/13 to Admty).
WIVERN VANSITTART WILD SWAN.	Departures WIVERN, VANSITTART, WILD SWAN to Bathurst for fuel thence Freetown (route) E.T.A. Bathurst 0800Z + 1 18/6. (F.O.C.N.A., 0732B/13 to C. in C. S.A.)
Operation "Tracer".	My 1042/13. (N.T.) Intend landing 9 Fulmars at North front after "TRACER". (S.O. Force, H, 1111/13 to Admty). Departure S.O. Force H. in RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS, FAULKNOR, FEARLESS, FORESTAR, FOXHOUND, FORESIGHT, WISHART, HESPERUS for operation "TRACER". (S.O.(I) Gib., 1130A/13 to Admty etc).
North Front Aerodrome.	In view of very extensive use now being made of North Front Aerodrome by R.A.F. for aircraft in transit and very limited requirements of F.A.A. propose Administration of this aerodrome be temporarily transferred to R.A.F. who will afford necessary facilities to F.A.A. as required. Governor S.O. Force H and 200 Group concur. (F.O.C.N.A., 1244A/13 to Admty).
WRESTLER FOLKESTONE.	WRESTLER sails at 1400B/13 to join you as extra escort. WRESTLER will endeavour to join before dark/14. If not she will join you in daylight/15. (F.O.C.N.A., 1246B/13 to FOLKESTONE). Note:- FOLKESTONE escorting S.L.76 attacked by U/B See U/B Campaign.
SHEFFIELD.	Cancel my 1706B/12. Return to Gibraltar with moderate despatch. (D.O.D. (F) 1400B/13 to SHEFFIELD).

/A.M. 1400B/13.....

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SHEFFIELD. Contd.

A.M. 1400B/13. Pass through following positions.
(a) 038° (?30') N 017° 30' W.
(b) 036° 15' N 014° 00' W.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1948B/13 to SHEFFIELD).
My position 043° 05' N 018° 55' W, S. of A. 21 knots. In accordance with F.O.C.N.A.'s 1948B/13. 50% Fuel remaining. E.T.A. 1800A/1
Thick fog in vicinity 044° N 020° W 10 of 86 survivor prisoners are hospital cases.
(SHEFFIELD 2200/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Cancel A.T. 1400B/13.
SHEFFIELD is to join S.L.76 whose position at 1200B/14 is estimated 41° 55' N, 22° 00' W S. of A. 6½ knots course 000°.
Believed submarines are shadowing this convoy.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 2357B/13 to SHEFFIELD, CUMBERLAND).

French Convoy.

Gibraltar 2034/12 CAPITAINE ARMAND full PONTET CANET laden Tug TOURTERELLE passed Eastbound (S.O.(I) Gib., 1545A/13 to Admty C. in C. Med).

Italian Cable.

Your 1046A/26/5. If this operation has not already been put in hand it is not desired to proceed with it for reasons of security and it should be deferred until further notice. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1605B/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)

ERNA OLDENDORFF (German).

Reported left Ferrol 13/6 early in morning. (Guyatt, Coruna, 2330/13 to Admty).
ERNA OLDENDORFF now painted gray all over and has obliterated name. She is old THREE ISLAND. British built vessel. Reported to intend sailing N.E. for French Atlantic port. 200 drums olive oil brought to Ferrol from Madrid five months ago have been loaded on board. Grading B.2.
(S.I.C. No T.O.O./13).

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South Atlantic.

Enemy Unit.

D/F Bearing 2114/12 indicates surface unit within 100 miles 010° N 021° W 65%. Pass through this area on passage.
(C. in C. S.A., 1243N/13 to NORFOLK).
My 1243N/13. Now consider this probable, U-Boat, avoid (?Bahamas).
(C. in C. S.A., 1931N/13 to NORFOLK).
D.F. Bearings at 0016Z/13 suggest an enemy surface unit within 100 miles of a line joining 005° N 017° W and 020° S 012° W. Reliability 50%. This unit may have been near 030° S 007° W on 28/5. SHROPSHIRE is to investigate the Northern part of this area as far as time and fuel permits arriving Freetown p.m./15. PRETORIA CASTLE proceed (?to) patrol J 35 D passing through K36A and B.
(C. in C. S.A. 1311N/13, to SHROPSHIRE, PRETORIA CASTLE).

Vichy Attack on LISS.

LISS reports that she was shelled on 12/6 off Iles de Los by shore battery at approx. 15 miles. Battery was assisted by aircraft spotting and same aircraft machined gunned the vessel. LISS should not have been so close to French Coast though routed in shore to avoid submarines. Steps have been taken to prevent this in future.
(C. in C. S.A., 1301N/13 to Admty).
LISS Norwegian tanker under British Charter.
(D.S., 649).

Vichy Intelligence.

Morin Free French Officer arrived Loanda from Liberia told Consul General following. (1) At mouth of Sangwin River approx. 110 miles from Monrovia large stocks of oil fuel and aviation spirit. (2) Vichy French are active in Monrovia. (3) RICHELIEU at Dakar definitely aground in mud, can only be used as a Fort with B turret out of action as result of firing with overcharges. Graded C.O. by S.O.(I) Capetown.
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 1500/13 to Admty).

/A/A Personnel.....

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A/A Personnel.	Admty 2002B/19/5 and your 1125B/16/5. Military Light A/A personnel embarked in Troop Transports. (employment). (D.T.D., 1710B/13 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown).
AMARANTHUS.	Request report state of AMARANTHUS and if will be available with CROCUS for escort of ABOSSO. (C. in C. S.A., 1947N/13 to DRAGON).
ERLANGEN.	Following is description of German ERLANGEN at Mar Del Plata. (S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2050Z/13 to S.A.D.)
DUNAV Yugoslav.	Now due East London, crew report mutinous and suggested they may endeavour to take over ship. Master to Yugoslavia Minister Washington requested ship be boarded and all possible assistance given. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2123Z/13 to S.O.(I) Capetown).
CAMERONIA.	Your 1418/27/5. Request decision as to onward passage CAMERONIA. Ship arrived Freetown 13/6. (C. in C. S.A., 2317N/13 to Admty).

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Mediterranean.

Malta Garrison.	Strength. (C. in C. M.E., No T.O.O./13 to W.O.) See Mediterranean, Voluma.
Enemy W/T	From D/F bearing during last 24 hours there was an unusual amount of Italian W/T activity on warship frequency in sector N.E. and N.W. Malta. (Capt. O.S., Alexandria., 08020/ 13 to N.O.I.C. Malta).
FIRUZ (French).	Your 2319 (?0329)/12 understood. Well done. After passing Kaso Strait adjust speed to arrive Alexandria Sanctuary 0500/16. Greek S/M TRITON arrived Sanctuary same time from 034° 00' 029° 20'. (Capt. (S) S.1. 1015C/13 to TORBAY).
BURGONET.	Your 2244B/9 B.D.V. BURGONET cannot be spared from Eastern Mediterranean. (C. in C. Med., 1025C/13 to Admty).
Operation "Tracer".	Your 0835/13. VICTORIOUS has replaced FURIOUS in "TRACER". (S.O. Force H., 1027/13 to N.O.I:C. Malta).
SALZBURG (torpedoed) GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI JIUL (reported torpedoed).	Report from Chanak confirmation A.1. German steamer SALZBURG torpedoed and sank with all hands off Imbros 1155/10. Sinking of Italian GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI and Rumanian JIUL also reported unconfirmed. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 1031/13 to S.O.(I) Med).
Italian Ships.	Arrivals Istanbul 11/6 ANNA RELTON LA Q DORA C Q URANGANO. Departs - ANNA RELTON LA A DORA C Q for Trieste 1700 URANGANO for Constantza 1100. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, 1037C/13). Turkish G.S. state Italian tanker GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI torpedoed 1045/10 15 miles from Cape Helles and observed to sink. Please inform C. in C. Med., and Captain S.1. (N.A. Angora, 1752/13 to Admty).

/Rhodes bombed.....

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Rhodes bombed

Operational summary No. 368 up to 1200 hrs. 13/6 1941. Night 11 - 12/6. 5 Wellingtons bombed Calato aerodrome Rhodes. Wellingtons reported 1 ship 6,000 tons, 1 ship 1,000 tons, 1 Naval Vessel, 1500 tons stationary off Calato and Lindos. 3 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi setting fire to 2 ships in harbour and hitting a ship at end of central breakwater.

Benghazi bombed 2 ships hit.

Day 12/6. Maryland R/C Benghazi reported 1 ship 150 feet on fire second 150 feet sunk, probably those bombed by Wellingtons.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1057/13).

UPHOLDER

Leave patrol p.m./15 and proceed by reverse of onward route to arrive off Marsamxett 0630B/17.
(Cdr. (S).1. 1131B/13 to UPHOLDER).

TAKU.

Patrol Northern Approach to Benghazi to intercept traffic reported in Commander 1st S.F. 1025C/(?12)
(Capt. S.1. 1553C/13 to TAKU).

JADE E/B attack.

C.S.R. Malta up to 1600 hours. 13/6.
0220 hours. JADE attacked by 2 E boats 192° Cape Passero light 17 miles whilst searching for missing Hurricane pilot. 1 E boat believed badly damaged, the other was constantly raked by M.G. fire from JADE. JADE suffered no material damage but 1 killed.

Tripoli bombed.

6 Swordfish 830 Sqn. F.A.A. despatched attack Tripoli Harbour. 2 returned engine trouble 4 dropped 2,000 lbs G.P. bombs and 100 lbs incendiaries from 3,000 feet on or near Spanish quay and buildings west of town.

U/B

12/6 p.m.
Sunderland from M.E. sighted and machine gunned Italian submarine 240 miles E.S.E. Malta. Submarine crash dived, No further results seen.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta. 1730/13).

JADE E/B attack.

JADE was attacked last night by 2 E boats (?17 or 22) miles south of Cape Passero, torpedo fixed at close range from moonless direction finder. Retire at least 25 miles from enemy coast before charging battery.
(S.O.(S) Malta, 1801B/13 to UNBEATEN, REGENT)

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Syria.

Operation "Pirate".	PIRATE completed. (D.2. 0024C/13 to C.S. 15).
D.14.	Your 2003. E.T.A. off Saida 1130. My P.C. and S. are 008° 32° N., 31° E., 16 - 070° - 20. (Capt. D. 14 0031/13 to C.S. 15).
Air Protection.	Your 1940/12 2 Hurricanes will be over you at 0445 or as soon as possible afterwards. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0329/13 to C.S.15).
F.A.A. attack on enemy warship, Juneh.	Following is repetition of 0515/13 (begins) H.Q. P. & T.J. C. in C. Med., C.S. 15 repeated R.A. (A) Med., from Cyprus. One Swordfish 815 Squdn torpedoed the largest of 3 warships at 0120 hours in Djounich (Juneh) Harbour 8 miles north of Beirut. No ships at anchorage (3 corrupt groups) (Ends.) (R.A. Alexandria. 0741C/13 to C.S.15).
Air Report of Djounich attack.	Intelligence Summary No. 29 up to 0800 L.S.T. 13/6. Syria. A/C attacking 0129 hrs. L.S.T. 13/6 reports 2 destroyers 1 sloop in Djounich Anchorage 8 M. North of Berout 0930 hrs. 1A/C F.A.A. attacked and damaged 1 destroyer GUEPARD Class Djounich*0129/13/6.*(Juneh). (H.Q. P & T.J., 1230/13).
ILEX COVENTRY HERO JACKAL.	Sail ILEX COVENTRY, HERO and JACKAL at 0700. tomorrow Saturday and join me off Sidon. (C.S. 15 1715/13 to Capt. D.2.) ILEX, JACKAL very short of ammunition which should arrive here not earlier than 0800. Shall I delay their sailing accordingly until not later that noon, sailing COVENTRY, HERO only in accordance with your 1715? (D.2. 2201C/13 to C.S.15).

Your 2201C/13.....

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Syria. - Contd.

ILEX COVENTRY HERO JACKAL -Contd.	Your 2201C/13 yes. Sail COVENTRY and HERO at time ordered. I will endeavour to send another destroyer to meet them. (C.S., 15 2347/13 to D.2.)
Enemy off Beirut to Be attacked.	If enemy forces are reported outside Beirut Harbour you should attack them with your Force. You should not get (?any ship) involved with fixed defences. N.O.I.C. Haifa pass to R.A.F. H.Q. P and T.J. (C. in C. Med., 1731C/13 to F.O. 15 C.S.)
Air Attack on C.S. 15's force.	Formation 8 JU 88 with Italian markings attacking Naval Forces 3 miles West of Saida intercepted by 8 Tomahawks No. 3 R.A.A.F. Bombers caught diving to 3,000 feet to bomb and 3 destroyed confirmed 2 others well hit. (?R.A. Med.,, 1855/13, H.Q. P and T.J., 1950/13)
Air Report.	Ops summary up to 2000 hours 13/6. 5 sorties T.S.R. of F.A.A. from Lydda night 12/13, 1 attack on destroyer in Beirut Roads, 1 attack on warship 5 miles N of Beirut, both missed. 2 failed locate targets, 1 forced landed. Swordfish 815 sqdn. Cyprus torpedoed largest of 3 warships in Djounieh*Harbour 8 miles N of Beirut. (H.Q. R.A.F. P & T.J., 2002/13). *(Juneh).
Beyrout.	R/C over Beyrout today confirms by photo that 2 destroyer leaders and 1 sloop are lying outside and 2 submarines inside harbour. A later R/C reports that ships outside harbour have been joined by 2 merchant ships and 1 submarine. This later R/C not confirmed by photo. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 2050/13 to C.S.15).

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East Indies.

Food for Jibuti.

Following from Chiefs of Staff No. 129 to C. in C. M.E. Reference Aden telegram 295 of 6/6. Policy of H.M.G. is to maintain strictest possible blockade of Jibouti. Nevertheless H.M.G. consider that a very limited amount of nourishment for benefit of young children and new-born babies might be allowed to pass into the town under strictest supervision. Governor of Jibouti should first be asked to furnish return of numbers involved.
(1st S.L., 0012B/13 to C. in C. E.I.)

CORNWALL suspicious ship.

Have passed suspicious vessel in 014° 54' S 042° 05' E steering ('to ? Northward' or possibly '019° 9 miles'). Gave name as ORNA. Did not understand challenge and is not on my shipping list. Ship is of raider type. Am proceeding with convoy.
(CORNWALL, 0151Z/13 to C. in C. E.I.)

KING EDWARD (overdue).

S.O.(I) Capetown's 2000/25. Wreckage has been reported washed up on Kamaran and Yemen coasts. No yet identified.
(C. in C. E.I., 0556Z/13 to Admty etc).

Towing of GLENEARN.

Your 0708/11 will entail risk but considered practicable if Arabic Coast followed.
(Com. R.I.N., 1135Z/13 to C. in C. E.I.)

CANBERRA.

Is to leave Mombasa p.m./14 and proceed as follows (to Tanga and Zanzibar.)
(C. in C. E.I., 1822Z/13).

Convoy W.S.8

Following ships arrived 13/6. EMPRESS OF RUSS ABBEKERK, ARONDA, SOBIESKI.
(N.C.S.O., Suez 1801C/13 to Admty).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

T.C.12. Your 1901/10. Question is under urgent examination but it is unlikely that troop transports can be provided before early August. (D.S.T., 0136B/13 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

PANDORA. A.M.1124/12 was made before receipt of your 1709/11. Request you will instruct PANDORA to act as you think fit. (D.O.D. (H) 1220B/13 to R.A.3).

CUBA. Admty 1542/30/3. (Re CUBA proceeding to U.S.A. for fitting out as troopship) CUBA arrived. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1304Q/13 to Admty).

MATHURA Your 1908/17/5. Br. MATHURA has not arrived this side. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1533Z/13 to M. of W.T.)

Fuel and Water Supplies. Your 1935N/11/6. A minimum of coal and oil but no water is available at Bermuda. Ships requiring oil should bunker at Trinidad. Ships requiring coal should bunker at Trinidad St. Lucia or St. Thomas. No coal stocks at present at St. Lucia but 6,000 tons expected shortly. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1603Q/13 t C. in C. S.A.)

ACHILLE (Italian). Following from Navy Dept. From Tunis dated 11/6 (B.1) ACHILLE sank at Djerissa dock at La Goulitta 9/6 obstructing wharf and partly blocking canal to Tunis. Sinking believed due to a time bomb.
(N.A. Washington, 1725/13 to Admty).
N.I.D. Comment. ACHILLE is Italian vessel of 2415 G.T. No previous information concerning this ship.

Brazilian Destroyers. B.A.S.R. Washington 1945/13. See Operations Volume.

U/B Campaign. Extension still further westward. (D.T.D. 2208/13 to C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa) See U-Boat Campaign.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

TRESILLIAN

SSSS TRESILLIAN torpedoed 4440 N 45.30 W. 0215 G.M.T. 0347/13 (ends)
(Valentia Radio, 0254/13 0338/13 to W/T Admty).
Your 2339Q/12. RESTIGOUCHE and SAINT CLAIR sailed 1035Z/13 for position 044° 40' N 045° 30' W to search for survivors of TRESILLIAN RESTIGOUCHE will join other Newfoundland force to escort H.X. 132. SAINT CLAIR will return to join St. John's N.F.
(N.O.I.C. St. John's N.F. 1437Z/13 to C. inC. A.W.I.)
2 Destroyers from Task Force Group 1 are searching area in vicinity of position where TRESSILIAN was torpedoed.
(ALUSNA 1850/13 to Admty).

S.L.76
2 ships.

S.L.76 attacked by S/M in 038° 58'(?) N.023° 11' W. 2 ships torpedoed.
(CUMBERLAND; 0339Z/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)
S.L. 76 attacked by Submarine. Request you will instruct FOLKESTONE to detach the two most suitable A/S Vessels to join S.L. 76 forthwith and remain until prudent limit of endurance before continuing voyage to Gibraltar. Estimated P.C. and S. of S.L.76 at 0800Z/13 was 39° 20' N 23° 12' W 353° 7kts (D.O.D. (F) 1059B/13 to F.O.C.N.A.).
At 1340B/13. Bordeaux addressed a long signal to 3 Italian U/Bs. Considered probable that these U Boats are shadowing Convoy S.L.76.
(D.D.I.C. 1554B/13 to CUMBERLAND)

S/Ms Reported.

Following received from St. John's N.F. (begins) U.S. destroyer BAINBRIDGE reports submarine 49.12 N 51.24 W sighted periscope twice and maintained contact for 50 minutes approx. (Corrupt Group) (Ends),
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0345Z/13 to Admty).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported. - Contd.

1605 - 1650/12. Following received from OPNAV. In 49 06 N 51 24 W U.S.S. BAINBRIDGE made sound contact on S/M followed by intermittent sound contacts from 1605 to 1650 G.C.T. on 12/6. Ship reports periscope was sighted by two lookouts, course N identity undetermined. Is this likely to be requested No. 122? (ALUSNA 0410/13 to Admty).

0359 At 0359 G.M.T. Italian submarine bearing 270° 3rd class from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 0520A/13).

0330 U-Boat in 038° 53' N 023° (?11') W at 0330Z/13 (F.O.C.N.A., 0715/13)

0630. U-Boats reported 50 miles S.E. Fair Isle at 0630/13 and may pass S. Fair Isle Channel. 2 motor launches are to proceed with despatch to patrol south Fair Isle channel on a line between Fair Isle and North Ronaldshay. If weather conditions are unsuitable M.L.s should shelter under lee of North Ronaldshay or retur to Scapa reporting their movements. When investigating contact depth charges are not to be dropped to Eastward 001° W. BLACK SWAN is S.O. Aircraft will be co-operating. (A.C.O.S., 1026B/13 to C.O. Coastal Force.)

0830. U-Boat sighted in vicinity of 061° 10' N 001° 40' E at 0830 B. Carry out anti U-Boat patrol in this vicinity. (E.O.S., 1146B/13 to P.31 amended 1421B/13).

1232 Am over enemy submarine in 48° N., 7° W 217 4RID3 Enemy submarine previously reported was when first sighted on course 340°. (A/C Q.1. 1232/13 to 19 Group H.Q.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C., 1556B/13).

/1547/2.....

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Submarines Reported. - Contd.

1547/2. Master of Yugoslav S.S. ANTE MATKOVIC reports having sighted a submarine on the surface at 1547/2 in 34.27 N 07.50 W nationality unknown but coming from direction of Casablanca. Submarine painted grey and one gun forward and one aft. A loaded tanker flying Spanish colours was sighted about six miles from the submarine at the same time and steering in a N.E. direction. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 1600N/1

1737. By D/F at 1737/13 G.M.T. position of German U/Boat was 43° 00' N 28° 20' W. This position is an indication of the area only. (D.D.I.C., 2150B/13).
Admty 2150B/13. CAVINA to take area A.1. forthwith. (F.O.C.N.P., 2340B/13 to Western Patrol.)

Indications that U/Bs likely to extend their operations still further westward. Suggestions (D.T.D., 2208B/13 to C. in C. A.W.I., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa). See Lion Copy.

Submarines Attacked.

By WELLS. 12/6. My 2200B/12. Have lost contact am carrying out search. (WELLS, 0135B/13 to Admty). Proceed to join WELLS to assist hunt U Boat reported in 055° 54' 30" N, 007° 03' W. (C. in C. W.A., 0401/13 to PIMPERNEL, ARBUTUS DIANELLA).
Ref. 1025B 13 C. in C. W.A. Search abandoned (?am) returning to base.
(WELLS, 1230/13 to Admty).

By A/C 0605. Following recd. from Rosyth W/T Addressed 18 (R) H.Q., Am over enemy S/M have attacked enemy with torpedo. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. P.C. and S. of enemy was 59.05N., 00.01 W. 315° 3 knots.
(? 0605/13).

/ A/C's 0605.....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C 0605. Contd.

A/C's 0605. Pilot reports definitely 2 S/Ms on surface in company course S/6 when first sighted at close range.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1024/13 to C. in C. H.F. etc)

By A/C 0830.

Am over enemy submarine in position OVRU 0430 (W.D. Note. Latitude indecypherable) Have attacked Enemy with bombs level and estimate no hits.
(A/C., duty Z, 0830/13 to ? Wick).

By SEALION 30/5.

SEALION reports at 1714B/30/5 in 46° 58' N 04° 12' W. fired 6 torpedoes at U-Boat probably 750 tons. No hits. Enemy's course 030° speed 12 knots, range 1500 yards. Five torpedoes detonated at end of run.
(F.O.S., 1313B/13 to Admty).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

A.M.C. patrol in Denmark Straits is to be discontinued.

Further heavy air attack on naval units at Brest.

Thames Estuary mined.

Message from Chiefs of Staff to C. in C's Med. and M.E. regarding despatch of aircraft to M.E. and their employment.

U-Boat in the Denmark Straits.

Further report of U-Boat off Newfoundland.

Home Commands.

The A.M.C. patrol in Denmark Straits is to be discontinued.

F.O.2nd I/c H.F. transferred his flag to ARETHUSA today.

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

58 Aircraft of Bomber Command last night attacked the identified positions of the two battle cruisers at Brest. No direct hits were seen.

39 aircraft attacked the PRINZ EUGEN at Brest and claim that 25% of bombs straddled the dock in which she lay.

A minor attack was made on Boulogne last night.

Enemy Air Activity.

Dutch S.S. GAASTERKERK reported being bombed at 0438 in 58° 4' N. 10° 52' W.

H.M.D. MUTIN had one casualty when machine gunned at 1800 off the Lizard.

Belgian trawler CHARLOTTE was slightly damaged off Berry Head.

Damage was caused last night at Upnor Armament Depot and to Naval Establishments at Chatham.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Thames Estuary.

There were considerable aircraft activity and explosions last night in the Thames Estuary. Minelaying is suspected, and acoustic and magnetic mines were detonated today. One or two enemy aircraft were brought down. Some aircraft flew low in the Outer Estuary and were heavily engaged by Ships. An area off Erith has been closed to navigation.

Yarmouth.

Several magnetic mines have been detonated off Yarmouth and F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth has asked that a danger area may be declared.

Mines were detonated off Liverpool, Milford Haven and the Humber, and 6 S.A. mines off the Tyne.

Hartlepool was opened this morning. The Tees was opened this afternoon and will be closed daily from 0500 to 1200 approx.

South Atlantic.

BOREAS and VELOX in the early hours of this morning sighted a French convoy of 3 merchant ships escorted by a sloop, steering 220°, not far from Dakar.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

The Chiefs of Staff sent a message today to C's in C. Med and M.E. regarding the despatch of aircraft to M.E. and their employment.

CLYDE today sank by gunfire a 500 ton auxiliary sailing vessel 20 miles south of Sardinia, strongly suspected to be an A/S vessel, and took 7 prisoners.

Palestine and Syria.

There was an air raid on Haifa from 0150 to 0330 today. No damage was caused and there is inidcation of mines being dropped in the water near the port area; sweeping operations are being carried out though the port is not closed.

Four F.A.A. Swordfish from Cyprus attacked Beirut at 0400 today and torpedoed one unidentified ship, believed to be a merchantman, which was lying where destroyers had previously been located.

LEANDER's force (supporting the army off the coast) whilst chasing two French destroyers of GUEPARD class reported by GRIFFIN off Beirut, was unsuccessfully attacked this evening by 4 or 5 French aircraft. The French destroyers tood refuge in harbour.

Swordfish A/C intercepted French S.S. ST. DIDIER and CHATEAU YQUEM steering west in approx. 36° 30' N. 31° 50' E. The ships took refuge in Turkish territorial waters and were last reported at anchor in Alanya at 1540.

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East Indies.

Assab. — C. in C.E.I. reports that at Assab all utility services, including light, power, water and refrigerators are working. A small armed tug in running order was captured. Lighters are available.

America and West Indies.

It is reported that the U.S. destroyer and air patrol off Fort de France has been discontinued.

U-Boat Campaign.

Denmark Strait. — A U-boat was sighted and bombed by aircraft this afternoon in 66° 50' N. 23° 10' W.

North Sea. — U-boats are being searched for near Fair Island following up aircraft sightings yesterday.

Western Approaches. — Several Italian S/M's are thought to be shadowing Convoy S.L. 76 north of the Azores.

South Atlantic. — It is reported that S.S. SACRAMENTO VALLEY was torpedoed at 0500/6 in 17° 10' N. 30° 10' W.

America and West Indies. — A U-boat has been reliably reported about 200 miles E. of St. Johns N.F.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

ROYAL ULSTERMAN — Is to be commissioned as H.M.Ship and will be taken in hand for certain fitting work. (D. of S.T. 0459B/14)

4th D.F. — Your 2201/28/5. It is considered that with important German units in Brest there is still a requirement in your Command for some good fighting destroyers and so the 4th D.F. must continue to be administered from Plymouth.
Owing to the exceptionally heavy commitments for destroyers, anticipate it will be necessary to ask for the assistance of the 4th D.F. for special Atlantic convoys at frequent intervals.
(1st S.L. 1005B/14 to C. in C. Plymouth)

Meeting of P.M. with C's in C. — Your 2115B/11. I would like to raise 2 points.
(a) Watch on Northern Straits.
(b) Offensive raids on emeny coast.
(C. in C. H.F. 2015B/14 to Adty.)
Your 1710B/12. As the P.M. desires items limited to major items of policy affecting more than one Service, intend to omit your item 3 which it is suggested you should discuss with A.C.N.S.(T), who is on a Cabinet Committee which enquires into such matters.
Items 4, 5, and 6, please see my 2342B/14 para. 2.
(1st S.L. 2357B/14 to C. in C. Nore)

15th M.L.F. — Adty. 2022/5/5. It is now considered undesirable to operate 15th M.L.F. in 2 divisions. In view of importance of operating M.Ls. from Iceland at least during Summer months it is proposed to transfer all boats of 15th M.L.F. to Iceland. Request your remarks.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 2043B/14 to C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S.)

/A.M.C's.....

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A.M.C's.

F.O.C.N.P. 1500B/13. A.M.C. patrol in Denmark Strait is to be discontinued but for the present all A.M.Cs. escorting H X convoys will call at Reykjavik with personnel and embark their full complement of personnel for passage to Halifax.
2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to route A.M.Cs. from the convoy to Reykjavik and to detail A/S escort.
3. F.O.I/C. Iceland should sail A.M.Cs. from Reykjavik to Halifax, after embarking personnel, when A/S escort is available.
4. After arrival of convoy D.S.6, DERBYSHIRE should be sailed for Halifax as soon as A/S escort is available.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 2141B/14).

Defence of U.K.

Aberdeen and Peterhead Torpedo Defences.

Proposing that they be abolished in view of completion of observation minefields.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1235/14).

Iceland (C) W/T.

Your 25/114/41 of the 24/4. In view of your 1627/17/5 do you still need the new set applied for.
(Hd. of M. 2150B/14 to F.O.I.C. Iceland (C)).

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Movements

A/S escort for A.M.C's.

Your 1510/13 position in regard to A/S escort for A.M.C's arriving and leaving Iceland (C) is as follows. Armed Merchant cruisers usually leave H.X. Convoy with portion of escort who require to refuel in Iceland. No suitable A/S escort is available for A.M.C. sailing for Halifax independently, and O.B. convoys seldom coincide with their dates and much delay their arrival. Aircraft are not generally available for A/S protection of A.M.C's. In these circumstances they have been routed independently far to westward and unescorted.
(N.O.I/C Iceland (C) 1015/14 to F.O.C.N.P.)

HERMIONE

C.S.18's 1415/12 . On relief by EDINBURGH on 16/6 HERMIONE is to refuel at Hvalfiord and return to Scapa for stores. She will then be transferred to Western Approaches Command. (C. in C. H.F. 1147B/14 to C.S.18, HERMIONE)

M.L's for Gibraltar.

A.M. 1724B/8 and 1310B/11. Delete all reference to WINDSOR who will now complete working up at Scapa. (D.O.D.(H) 1321B/14)

P 31.

Leave patrol routed through 060° 58' N 000° 54' W so as to R/V STOKE CITY at 0400B/16 in 060° 43' N 001° 22' W for onward escort to Scapa. T.B.R. arranged till 1600. (Capt. (S) 9 1459B/14 to P.31).
Orders for STOKE CITY to R/V (A.C.O.S. 1542/14 to N.O.I.C. Lerwick 2256B/14 to P.31).

HEYTHROP

Your No.419/6 of 11/6. Request programme may be amended to allow HEYTHROP to carry out passage Tyne to Methil and Methil to Scapa in daylight. Due to vulnerability of new ships, with untrained crews, to air attack it is further requested that this may be allowed for in all future programmes of new ships. (C. in C. Rosyth 1500/14 to .A.S.C.B.S)

/M.L's & A/S.....

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M.L's & A/S Tr's for Freetown.

Request you will arrange for M.Ls 242, 261, 265, 266 and 272 of 17th M.L.Flotilla and A/S Trawlers SOUTHERN PRIDE and SOUTHERN GEM to assemble at Londonderry.
2. When ready for sea, the M.Ls are to be sailed under their own power for Freetown with the two A/S Trawlers as escort. Flotilla should be routed via Gibraltar and Bathurst.
4. Request you will arrange and report route selected, together with any special orders considered necessary for the operation.
5. Your 1215B/11 SOUTHERN PRIDE and SOUTHERN GEM should not sail with O.G.65. (D.A/S.W.1922B/14 to C. in C. W.A.)

Operations.

P.31.

P.31 is to be withdrawn from patrol to-morrow. (F.O.S. 1211B/14)

Northern Patrol

3 New Areas are to be instituted. Areas are bounded by eastern extremity by meridian 035° W on western extremity by meridian 038° W and parallel 040° in north, 039° N 038° N and 037° N at southern extremity. Areas to be known as A.Z., B.Z., C.Z. reading from north to south. (F.O.C.N.P. 1830B/14 to Western Patrol).

Western Patrol Areas

Adty. 1622B/13.
(i) Areas AZ, BZ, CZ, are to be transferred 50 miles Westwards.
(ii) In para. 3 for Area A1, reach (? read) Area C1. (D.O.D.(F) 2355B/14 to F.O.C. N.P.)

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British Air Operations.

R/C's	All P.R.U's of Brest, 14/6 failed owing to adverse weather conditions. (H.Q.C.C. no T.O.O.) P.R.U. R/C of Christiansand Harbour and coast Christiansund to Egersund being carried out shortly. (C. in C. Rosyth 1028/14 to C. in C. H.F.)
Escort.	My 2116/13. Aircraft delayed indefinitely owing to weather. (C. in C. Rosyth 0158/14 to C. in C. H.F.)
Operation NORDIC.	6 aircraft, 9 officers, 8 ratings of 816 Squadron arriving P.M./15. (Eastleigh 1034/14 to Abbotsinch).
A/C distribution	Ops.646 14/6. Our Ops.633 11/6. All A/C of 15, 16, 19 Groups are to be returned to their respective stations as soon as weather permits. (H.Q.C.C. 1040/14)
Attacks on pocket battleship and on Brest	Day 13/6. Four Stirlings of 3 group set out to attack the pocket battleship LUTZOW which had been reported off the South of Norway. But all four aircraft were recalled shortly after leaving. Night 13/14th June Brest: 22 Wellington and 36 Hampdens attacked the indentified positions of the SCHARNHORST and GNEISNAU. No direct hits were observed but the majority of bursts were seen in the target area, fires were started East and West of the GNEISNAU position and on the quay South West of the SCHARNHORST. 37 Wellingtons and two Stirlings attacked the PRINZ EUGEN or the immediate vicinity. All crews report impossibility of accurate observation owing to haze and smoke screen, but 25 per cent claim to have straddled the dock in which the cruiser is berthed. Boulogne. Dock and harbour installations were attacked by two Wellington of 3 Group. (H.Q.B.C. T.H.I.1720/14)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Automatic A A A A Signal heard at 0331 G.M.T. Strength 2 bearing 181° approx. From Port Patrick. (Port Patrick Radio 0331/14) (Lands End 0337/14).

GAASTERKERK (Dutch, 8679 tons) bombed

Interdepted at 0438 G.M.T. DE GAASTERKERK A A A A 58°.08' N 12° W. GAASTERKERK bombed bearing from G.P.K. 312°. (Port Patrick Radio 0438/14) Intercepted 0504 G.M.T. DE GAASTERKERK corrected position 58.04 N 10.52 W. (Port Patrick Radio 0504/14)

DALEMOOR (Bombed 13/6)

DALEMOOR in tow of ABEILLE IV escorted by ROBERT STROUD and CRAFTSMAN sailed in accordance with your 1757/13. (F.C.I.C. Aberdeen 0452/14 to C. in C. Rosyth) Fire under control. Propose anchor east of Inchkeith until morning. Wind W. by S. strong. No steam for windlass. (Salvage Officer Tug CHAMPION 2335/14)

Upnor.

At 0130/14 one bomb was dropped on R.H.A. Depot Upnor causing extensive damage. (S.C.E. Chatham 1225/14 C. in C. Nore 1529B/14).

Chatham.

During air raid at Chatham at about 0130/14 damage was caused by blast from high explosive bombs at R.N. Barracks, Admiralty House, R.M. Barracks, R.N. Hospital etc. (Suptg. C.E. Chatham 1345/14).

REGISTAN (bombed 27/5)

REGISTAN was bombed off Cape Cornwall at 2240/27 and set on fire. Ship was eventually brought into Falmouth and beached. Twenty six survivors landed at Milford Haven. Twenty eight including Captain at Falmouth. Twelve buried at sea. Thirteen unidentified being buried at Falmouth 3/6. More bodies in engine room not yet recovered. (F.O.C.H.P. 1442/13 to Adty.)

/Unknown ship.....

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Enemy Air Activity Contd.

Unknown ship. A A A A intercepted by Humber Radio at 1317 G.M.T. From unknown station bearing 183° approx. begins. (F.O. Humber 1537B/14)

Mining.

B S.64. B S 64 postponed 24 hours owing to air escort not being available tomorrow. (C. in C. Nore 0940B/14 to TEVIOT BANK)

B S.58. Your 1742B/13. Intend to sail 2000/16. (PLOVER 1015B/14 to C. in C. Nore).

Hartlepool Tees. Port of Hartlepool open. Port of Tees remains closed. Expect to open Tees 1400 today. Tees will be closed daily until further orders from 0500 until 1200 approx. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1103/14)
My 1103/14. Port of Tees open.
(N.O.I/C. Hartlepool 1544/14).

Operation S N.66 R.A. M.L 1148/12 AURORA is to provide A.A. escort. During lay NIGERIA and KENYA are to provide cover from east of minefield, KENYA refuelling at Skaalefiord if necessary. (2) After lay KENYA provide A/A escort for R.A. M. and return to Scapa, AURORA proceed on Iceland - Faroes patrol and NIGERIA refuel at Skaal Fjord and return to patrol. (3) F.O. 2nd I/C H.F. will transfer his flag to ARETHUSA today. (C. in C.H.F. 1135B/14).
My 1148B 12th item D 1(one). Add WELLS.
(R.A.(M) 1212B/14).
Expect A/S air escort by A/C of 18 Group as follows from 1200/15 to 0100/17.
(C. in C. Rosyth 2346/14 to R.A.M.)

/Thames Estuary.....

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Mining Contd.

Thames Estuary,

One S.A. Mine detonated at 0540/14 as follows. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1235/14).
One magnetic mine detonated by L.L.Trawlers STAUNCH and SUNLIGHT at 1001/14 as follows. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1237/14).
Area between Dartford Creek to Upstream of Littlebrook Power Station on South Side of Channel is closed to navigation until further notice. (F.O.I.C. London 1543/14)
There was a considerable aircraft activity from about 0100 to 0415 in Thames Estuary. At 0121 a plane was brought down by night fighters over North Knob Sand. 0151 Four objects, two of which exploded were heard to drop approximately between Knob and East Knob Buoys. 0205 A plane is thought to have been brought down over the Isle of Grain. 0245 and 0252 explosions possibly mines towards North End of Barrow Deep. 0318 Explosions possfbly mine 040° considerable distance from Edinburgh Channels. 0405 Parachute mine seen to fall 3½ cables 130° from South Oaze Buoy. At 0216 and 0530 R.D.F. Plots suggested minelaying in area of East Shingles Buoy and B.1 Buoy respectively. Several planes in Outer Estuary were low and were heavily engaged by ships. (S.O.T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1709/14)

Liverpool.

At 0950/14 one S.A. Mine detonated as follows. Details. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1319/14).

Yarmouth.

In view of the fact that six magnetic ground mines have been detonated in 52° 33' 50" N 001° 51' E request that dangerous area may be declared within radius of ½ mile from South East Scroby Buoy.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1407B/14, 1718B/14).
L.L. Trawlers detonated 8 red magnetic mines today between positions 52° 33' 45" N 01° 51' 10" E and 52° 36' 35" N 01° 50' 30" E. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 2150B/14).

/ CUMBERLAND.....

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CUMBERLAND. C. In C. Nore's 0336/12. Owing to the length of time S.A. gear will have to operate it is considered that two sweepers should accompany CUMBERLAND from May Island to Sheerness probably about 26/6.
2. WINDSOR has been made available and HAMBLEDON should complete working up by about 20/6.
3. R.A.D. H.F. is requested to sail HAMBLEDON to Chatham as soon as she is worked up in order to fit S.A. gear. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1609B/14 to C. in C. Nore, Rosyth, R.A(D) H.F., N.O.I.C. Dundee).

Humber. L.L. Trawlers exploded the following 2 mines today. (F.O. Humber 1730B/14)

Tyne. S.A. Report Results. Position of 6 S.A. mines detonated 14/6. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1743/14).

S.S. ALA. S.S. ALA was sunk by mine in 50° 41' 57" N 0° 52' 00 W 2038/13 while being towed from Shoreham to Southampton by rescue tug SECURITY in accordance with A.M. 1704B/10. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1818B/14)

Milford Haven. Two mines detonated off St. Annes Head. Details. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1845B/14)

Casualties & Defects.

BLUEBIRD. Motor boat BLUEBIRD (11) was rammed and sunk in Edinburgh Dock Leith on 13/6 Coxswain died of injuries. (N.O.I.C. Leith & Granton 1158/14).

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INTREPID. Cancel my 2130B/13, 2135/13 and 1034/14, INTREPID delayed with Boiler defect. Further signal will be made. (F.O.Humber 1220/14).

Shipping & Convoys.

H.X.129 Arrived complete under Cdre. R.P. Galer, R.N.R. 37 British, 18 Allied, 2 neutral ships. Cargoes. (D.S. 648, 14/6)

W S 9B. Proposed embarkation programme. (D.S.T. 0500B/14 to P.S.T.O. W. of Scotland amended 2354B/15).

Ships for St.Lawrence. O.B.336 Adty.1618B/11/6. Submit that all ships bound Gulf of St. Lawrence should disperse at position (e) and be independently routed via Belle Isle Strait. (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1200B/14 to Admty.) Reply: 1644/15.

SC.32. Route lengthened. Two stragglers. All ships now arrived. Weather foggy. (D.T.D. 1232B/14 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa)

W.N. and Ocean Convoys 14 ships in HX 130 are destined for East Coast ports. If sailing of Loch Ewe portion of W.N.42 is postponed 24 hours, these ships will arrive at destination 3 days earlier. Request you will consider this and possibility of sailing W.N. convoys in conjunction with arrival of ocean convoys. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1909B/14 to C. In C. W.A.) Reply 1830/16.

O.G. and O.B.(S) Convoys N.C.S.Os at Convoy Assembly Ports in U.K. are not to sail ships of 9 knots and over bound for North American ports north of and including Jacksonville in O B (S) or O G convoys; nor are ships for South Atlantic

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ports normally to be sailed in northbound O B convoys, unless it is not practicable for them to steam at the slow speed of the O G and O B (S) convoys. Ships for West West Indian ports or the Gulf of Mexico may be sailed in any outward bound convoy. (A.C.N.S.(T) 22533/14 to N.C.S.O's.)

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North Atlantic.

H.G.65.
O.G.65.

Departures WELLINGTON, OLYMPUS with H.G.65. Local escort LADY HOGARTH until 2200/20. GERANIUM, JONQUIL, SPIREA transferring to O.G.65 as directed by C. in C. W.A. (S.O.I. Gib., 0600A/14 to Admty. etc.)

Genoa.

Intelligence. S/M reported off Genoa 2/6 (B.2) Eastbound traffic to Genoa leaves coast in vicinity of Cape Martin and makes for point 12 miles S. of Port Ellen. Southbound traffic hugging coast within 1 mile. (F.O.C.N.A. 1510A/14 to S/M O.24)

BERGAMOT.

May call Ponta Delgada for fuel about 18/6. (D.O.D.(F) 1709B/14 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)

AZALEA.

Departure AZALEA escorting Greek MOUNT LYCABETTUS parting company as requisite to pass through 034° 55' N. 011° 20' W. at 0600/17 to R/V with Panamanian NORVINN thence to Gibraltar. (S.O.I. Gib., 2000A/14 to Admty.)

SEVERN.

Departure SEVERN in accordance with my 1810/12. (F.O.C.N.A. 2136A/14 to Admty.etc.)

French Convoy.

Gibraltar 14/6 1200 French Light Cruiser MILAN, PORTHOS believed full of cotton, FRIMAIRE in ballast, PIERRE L.D. laden, passing Eastbound. 1410, French M/S ENGAGEANTE KAKOULIMA full, ALICE, both laden latter with deck cargo, eastbound. (S.O.I. Gib., 2231A/14 to Admty. etc.)

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VICTORIOUS.
RENOWN.
ARK ROYAL.

S.O. Force "H"s 1042/13. RENOWN and ARK ROYAL are to escort VICTORIOUS so as to arrive in position "X" 48° N. 25° W. at 1200 Z + 2 on 19/6. C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange for inward A/S escort to meet VICTORIOUS in position "X" and route her to Clyde. In absence of further instructions RENOWN and ARK ROYAL are to return to -Gibraltar from position "X". (A.C.N.S.(F) 2250B/14 to S.O. Force H. etc.) Position X amended, see 1601/16.

South Atlantic.

Bathurst precautions.

My 1530B/7 and your 1355/N/10. Present situation does not now require drastic action as regards shipping at Bathurst, but essential to keep numbers in that port low. Intention is to continue S.L. convoys but to keep them as small as possible. In view of its value as a fuelling base it is considered that retention of an oiler in Bathurst is justified. (A.C.N.S.(T) 0036B/14 to C. in C.S.A.)

French Convoy Dakar.

Sighted French convoy of 3 merchant ships escorted by a sloop in 14° N., 18° W. 11 x 19 approx. C. and S. 220° 8 knots. Am shadowing with VELOX and shall deal with them at daylight if their destination is a free French port. Am rather close to Dakar at the moment. (BOREAS 0300Z/14 to C. in C.S.A.)

Aircraft for Bathurst.

Further to my 1810/2. Air party of 200 Sqn. left here on 11/6 for Gibraltar. 7 Hudsons were sent of which one will return here. Aircraft being employed on operations in vicinity of Gibraltar and will then leave for you. Possible they will arrive Bathurst R.A.F. Station on 16/6 or 17/6. (Air Min., 1130/14 to Bathurst R.A.F.)

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French Convoy, Lome.	Reported French Minesweeper LA SURPRISE arrived and sailed Lome 11/6 escorting 3 merchant vessels. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1146B/14 to Admty.)
LONDON. HIGHLANDER.	Departure 2330N/13. LONDON in accordance with your 1631B/13 to C. in C. S.A. HIGHLANDER to R.V. noon/15. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1203N/14 to Admty.)
ATALAIA. S.O.S.	Your 2118/9 F.O. I.C. Simonstown reported on 25/5 that distress message had been received from Brazilian ATALAIA that day stating she was badly damaged by sea in 039° 07' S. 002° 10' W. At 1534/15/5 she sent out a final S.O.S. Presume she foundered. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1520N/14 to S.O.I. Montevideo.)
W.S.9.A.	Departure 0700/14. BRILLIANT to R/V with convoy W.S.9.A. (S.O.I. Freetown 1507N/14 to Admty.)
Shipping Facilities, Takoradi, Lagos etc.	Your 1530/7 0058B/14 and My 1823/7. Request if ships for convoy from West Coast are still to be sailed for Bermuda or Sydney. C.B. If so, they may have to fuel Takoradi or Lagos unless special facilities are provided at Libreville. No coal available at Takoradi and little oil and water and collier tanker and water boat would have to be sent at once. Facilities at Lagos to coal one ship a day but no oil. Difficulty in situation not arisen yet as ports have been closed but Takoradi should be open tomorrow 15/6 and Lagos about 19/6. (C. in C.S.A. 1755N/14 to Admty.)
Dispositions.	Weekly state 14/6. (C. in C.S.A. 1811N/14) See Lion Copy.

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Corvettes, Takoradi. — Your 0735/14. Corvettes can be employed on A/S patrol for present. Port Takoradi may be opened (?when). Channel has been swept for contact mines by mine sweepers which Takoradi reported would be ready for Service 14/6. Important this should be done as soon as possible. (C. in C.S.A. 2045N/14 to DRAGON)

SCYTHIA. (Gibraltar refugees) — My 2027/10. SCYTHIA delayed. Will now arrive 22/6. (C. in C.S.A. 2121N/14 to F.O.C.N.A.)
My 2027/10. Intend to sail SCYTHIA 1700/15 for Gibraltar (route) Escort DUNCAN in vicinity of Freetown then unescorted. E.T.A. Gibraltar 1600N/22. (C. in C.S.A. 2127N/14 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Mediterranean.

Situation Report No.55. — Syria. Army continue to progress slowly and unconfirmed report Saida has been captured. Destroyers bombarded large battery of French 75's and other French positions in vicinity of Saida. (One?) Swordfish of 815 Sqn. torpedoed French warship not yet identified at 0129/15 in Djounieh Harbour. Ships at sea have had some fighter protection but this may now have to be withdrawn. Force with C.S.15 attacked by nine JU.88 at 0530, no damage to ships. Three JU.88 shot down and two damaged by fighters.
3. Submarines. My 2214C/12, para. 4 tanker torpedoed by PARTHIAN was probably STROMBO which reached Istanbul. (C. in C. Med. 0014C/14 to Admty.)

JADE. — Will be on patrol in position 220 Cape San Demetri 100 from 1500 to 1800/14.
(V.A. Malta, 0853B/14 to S.O. Force H.)

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SULLBERG. (German) — Left 12/6 for Marseilles. (Valencia 0902/14 to M. of W.T.)

Operation THARK. CACHALOT. — Para. 4. Ref. grided map of Derna point selected UEL CHALIG 622 452, 032° 40' 18" N. 022° 56'. Paras 4 and 5. Light will be shown as follows, letter F flashing at 5 second intervals for half minute periods every 10 minutes from 0130 C until 0330C. Acknowledge on arrival Malta and repeat back point selected. (Capt. S.1. 0907C/14 to CACHALOT)

Operational Summary No.867 up to 1200 hours 14/6/1941. Night 12/13.

Rhodes bombed. — Two Wellingtons bombed Calato aerodrome, Rhodes, starting one fire.

Benghazi bombed. — Western Desert. Night 12/13. Six Wellingtons attacked Benghazi harbour. F.A.A. aircraft bombed enemy observation post at Ras El Milh north of Bardia. (H.Q., R.A.F. M.E., 1056/14)

Haifa A/A. — H.M. Ships berthing at Haifa must be dispersed so as to provide the best A.A. defence for harbour. (C. in C. Med. 11380/14 to N.O.I.C. Palestine Ports.)
H.M. Ships berthing at Haifa must be dispersed as much as possible with object of avoiding more than one vessel being damaged by the same bomb. This should also enable them to use their A.A. armament to best advantage. Cancel my 11380/14. (C. in C. Med. 13480/14 to N.O.I.C. Palestine Ports.)
Your 1138/14. This is being done. During recent three raids on Haifa A.A. fire from ships in harbour has been of utmost value. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1910/14 to C. in C. Med.)

RORQUAL. UPHOLDER. — S/M's Movements Summary 25. (Capt. S.1. 11570/14 to Med. Fleet.)

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Haifa Air Raid.	Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40. Air Raid on Haifa from 0150 to 0330/14. One bomb or possibly G mine exploded, two or three unexploded on the lee breakwater, no indication of mines dropped in the water in the vicinity of the port area. Sweeping operations being carried out, not considered necessary to close the port. No damage to fuel oil. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1210C/14 to C. in C. Med.)
Danube JIUL. CARMEN SYLVA.	(1) Danube navigation now reported clear of obstructions. Hungarian steamer BUDAPEST arrived 9/6 crew state bridges and channels cleared, she came through in normal time. (2) Sinking of Roumanian steamers JIUL and CARMEN SYLVA confirmed, source rated A. Off Crete. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1229/14 to S.O.I. Med.) N.I.D. Comment: That a channel has now been cleared through obstructions on the river is probable. BUDAPEST is a river passanger vessel. Still considered doubtful whether tugs towing barges are able to make normal time through the cleared channels.
Haifa Air Raid.	Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40 para. 4 and my 1309/12 and 1725/12. Air raid on Haifa. (a) 12/6 weather very bad (b) High and low level bombing. Number of aircraft possibly 15 to 20, probably German. Duration of attack from 0206 to 0507. Aircraft (?used) no illumants, moon full. (c) H.E. bombs and most probably "G" mines (d) about 20/25 bombs and some mines directed mainly against port area (e) (i) damage of importance nil (ii)nil(f)No shore Naval A.A.battery (g) No remarks (h) No action (k) Units of the fleet in harbour in action throughout raid. 2 U.X.B. or mines fell in 032° 49' 24" N. 035° 00' 30" E. and 032° 49' 27" N. 035° 00' 40" E. Fragments of Ferrous non-magnetic welded (?case) painted Eggshell blue recovered from very large saucershaped crater on shore indicates this may have been type "G" mines. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1231/14 to C. in C. Med., Admty.)

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RORQUAL.	Leaves Malta 2000B/14 through 035° 30' 014° 14' and 034° 30' 020° 00' thence to Eastward. (Cdr. S.1. 1306B/14 to REGENT.)
Enemy M.V's	Following received (begins) Navy Alexandria from Ankara. 2 ships 10,000 and 3,000 tons passed Mersin in (?) west direction (?) morning proceeding within territorial waters T.O.O. 0944/14 (ends) (R.A. Alexandria, 1326C/14 to N.O.I.C. Cyprus.) Following received H.Q. P. and T.J. Begins 2 (one corrupt group) Cargo ships 3,000 and 1,000 tons proceeding W. position 320° Kormakitix 80 miles at 0920. Am despatching striking force to order them to Haifa or to attack. T.O.O. 1125/14 (ends) (C. in C. Med. 1400C/14 to C.S. 15.
Alexandria bombing.	Your 1225/12. Unable to trace map quoted. Following list of positions of mines and bombs dropped on night 7/8. Mines. Total 18 (6 ashore 2 in lake Maryut 6 in harbour 4 outside. H.E. bombs (Total 41) Indendiaries (three batches) (C. in C. Med. 1412/14 to Admty.)
Air Report.	Night 13/14 - 3 Swordfish 830 Sqn. F.A.A. attacked one M/v 9000 tons sighted by Maryland 125 miles S.E. Malta. One aircraft released flares. Other 2 aircraft released one torpedo each but missed. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1600/14)
E/B attack on JADE.	A.O.C. Med. 1.96 of 13/6. JADE heard hydrophonic effort on asdic and closed. At 0420, 2 E.boats were sighted and JADE opened fire as they challenged. At 0430 the large E.boat received direct hit 4 inch gun and returned. At 0445 the smaller E.boat broke off the action. Action was fought at very close range, the E.boats firing 4 torpedoes which all missed. JADE used machine guns with good effect. Only superficial damage from bullets sustained by JADE but midn. d. of wounds. (N.O.I.C. Malta 1916B/14 to C. in C. Med.)

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Minesweepers. Have formed 401st LL. M/S Group from Wooden Schooners SEVASTI, CHRISTOS, AGIOS GEORGIOS, THALIA. SEVASTI and CHRISTOS are about to commission with crews from the R. Hellenic Navy with R.N. Group Officer. AGIOS GEORGIOS and THALIA will commission in approx. 3 weeks time possibly with R. Hellenic Navy crews. (C. in C.Med., 2042/14 to Admty.)

Greek Fleet. My 1255/7. Written proposals from Adm. Sackallariou are substantially same as those outlined in my signal. I see no good reason why ships should go to India rather than Africa to refit but there is some force in Admiral's contention that ships should be employed subsequently in Mediterranean under his control even though this has inconvenience from our point of view. I should be glad of T.L's view on the proposal. (C. in C. Med. 2044C/14 to Admty.)

830 Sqdn. Unlikely that requirements of 830 Sqn. can be met from Eastern Med. in future and they must therefore be supplied direct from U.K. (2) V.A. Malta requested to inform Admty. of detailed requirements. General requirements appear to be as follows. (C. in C. Med. 2043/14 to Admty.)

Situation Report 56. Syria. Swordfish aircraft intercepted French Merchantmen ST. DIDIEN and CHATEAU YQUEM steering W. in approx. 36.30 N. 31.50 E. Ships took refuge in Turkish territorial waters and last reported at anchor in Alanya at 1540.
(2) At 1620 GRIFFIN reported two French Destroyers off Beirut. LEANDER closed to engage them at 1705 whereupon they returned to harbour.
(3) Destroyers have continued to give Army support along coast.
(4) Submarines. Italian Tanker GIUSEPPINA GHIRARDI reported torpedoed and sunk 1045/10 15 miles off Cape Hellas. Submarine probably TORBAY. (C. in C. Med., 23460/14 to Admty.)

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Employment of Wellingtons. 1st S.L. 2355B/14 see Mediterranean Volume.

Syria.

C.S.15. Following received (?from C.S.15) Help CAPSTAN. (Nore W/T. 0635/14)
-O - A- Help CAPSTAN. 0717/14. (C.S.15 to Haifa W/T, T.O.R. 1155/14)

Enemy Units. Are you taking all steps to harass the French submarines and destroyers when they are outside the Harbour? (C. in C. Med. 0814/14 to F.O. 15 C.S.)

D.2. Your 0544. Cordite only on dockside, shells arriving p.m./14. Am sailing with JACKAL at noon. (Capt. D.2. 1109/14 to C.S. 15.)

French Destroyer Ionian Sea. French destroyer CASSARD class reported proceeding eastwards in Ionian Sea. Considered to be probably heading for Beirut and likely to proceed north of Crete to pass Kaso Straits about 0400/15 to arrive Beirut early a.m./16. Object (?is to) locate and sink her. 201 Group is requested to provide maximum available R/C area north of 34° 00' N. between 30° and 32° E. until darkness/15. A.O.C. P and T.J. is requested to order 815 Sqn. to search for and attack this ship. R.A.A. Med. is requested to reinforce 815 Sqn. as much as possible. C.S.15 is requested to make dispositions to intercept her on Syrian Coast should air R/C or attack fail. (C. in C. Med. 1118C/14 to C.S. 15 etc.)

/NAIAD .....

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NAIAID to relieve PHOEBE. Intend to sail NAIAD, KINGSTON, NIZAM, HAVOCK from Alexandria p.m./16 to arrive Haifa a.m./17. Request you transfer your flag to NAIAD and send PHOEBE and three destroyers to Alexandria. (C. in C. Med. 12340/14 to C.S. 15.)

Attacks on Beirut. T.S.R. report on attack on Beirut last night. No destroyers at anchor. One unidentified ship now believed to be merchant ship attacked where destroyers had been and apparently hit with one torpedo. Destroyers may possibly be moving up coast after dark. One S/M in achorage 10 miles N.E. of Beirut not attacked. In view of probable destroyer movements after dark, there will always be risk of sinking merchant ship instead. Should this be accepted? (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1253/14 to C. in C. Med.)
Your 1253/14. Ships are not to be attacked in Beirut Harbour. (C. in C. Med. 17530/14 to N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Enemy Destroyers. 2 Destroyers bearing 010° distance 15 miles course 210° my position 33.38 N. 35.19 E. (GRIFFIN 1620/14 to Haifa W/T. T.O.R.1601)
GRIFFIN 1620, am closing to engage. (LEANDER, 1642/14 to C.S. 15.)
2 Destroyers bearing 047° distance 11 miles, course 080°. My position 132 34 N. 35 E. (LEANDER 1705/14 to Haifa W/T.)
My 1705 French Destroyers returning to -harbour. (LEANDER, 1710/14 to Haifa W/T.)
My 1710. Have resumed previous operations. (LEANDER, 1948/14 to C.S. 15.)

? French M.V.'s. Following received (begins) N.A. Istanbul's 0330/14. Ships sighted 10000/13 off Karadash Burnu (page 134 Volume 5 Mediterranean pilotage) flying French colours and painted on side. One ship named SAINTE DIDIER, second name ended in YQUEEM. Both ships steering West at full speed. Time of origin 1325/14. Ends. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 1641/14 to N.O.I.C. Cyprus C.S. 15.)

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Bombardment required.	Heavy bombardment by destroyers and cruisers will shortly be required on Ouimye 118 4 17 90 and road leading up to it. Code word SHOOT will be signalled in plain language when fire is required. (N.L.O. Palestine, 1716C/14 to Capt. D.2. LEANDER.) Your 1716/14. Capt.(D) 2 informs me British troops within ½ mile of target. Bombardment by night therefore involves serious risks. (LEANDER, 2031C/14 to N.L.O. Palestine.)
D.14.	Return to Harbour. (C.S.15 1727/14 to D.14.)
Swordfish and M.V.	Corrupt message from Officer I.C. Sgn. 351 1450/14 indicates ship in position (corrupt grp.) Cape Kormakiti 82 miles at (?1346) apparently proceeding S.E. under orders of Swordfish but broadcast fact that she (? is being) molested. (V.A. Alexandria, 1814C/14 to C.S. 15.) Note: Message received very corrupt.
Watch on Beirut.	At least a part of your force should be dispersed to North of Beirut nightly to prevent French Warships or Merchant Ships sneaking out. (C. in C. Med. 1846C/14 to C.S. 15.)
LEANDER.	You should run paravanes. (F.O. 15 C.S. 1905C/14 to LEANDER.)
Night Disposition.	As far as practicable disposition tonight should be designed to guard against enemy minelaying in area from Sidon up to 10 miles northwards. (F.O.15 C.S. 1942/14 to LEANDER.)
Enemy Air Attack, LEANDER.	At 1823 Force was attacked by 4 or 5 French Booch bombers from high level. No damage. (LEANDER 2015C/14 to R.A. 15 C.S.)

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F.A.A. attack on M.V. — Operational summary up to 2000 hours 14/6. F.A.A. 4 Swordfish (Cyprus) torpedoed Merchant Ship in Beirut Harbour 0400 hours. Striking force despatched from Cyprus to intercept French cargo vessels off Turkey. Vessels last reported proceeding S.E. under orders of Swordfish. (H.Q. R.A.F. P. and T.J. 2050/14)

Saida. — In anticipation of Military requirements request you will arrange for (group omitted) and destroyers to be in close vicinity of Saida at daylight tomorrow, requirements follow. (N.L.O. Palestine, 2215/14 to C.S.15)

Enemy M.V.'s. — Following received addressed C. in C. Med. F.O.C. 15th. C.S. from 815 Sqn. My 1115 and 1400/14 (2 Cargo ships to be ordered to Haifa) both ships now anchored Alanya and refuse to move. Swordfish shadowing, request instructions. T.O.O. 1540/14. ?Ends) (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 22560/14 to C.O. 15 C.S.)

East Indies.

CORNWALL. suspicious ship. — CORNWALL's 0151Z/13. Request you will report whether you are satisfied that action taken was correct in these circumstances. From information at Admty. it appears B.I. S.S. ORNA was in the vicinity. (V.C.N.S. 01108/14 to C. in C.E.I.)

S.W.7A. — Durban arrival CERES escorting convoy S.W.7A. (N.L.O. Durban, 0920Z/14 to Admty. etc.)

/Assab .....

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Assab. S.N.O.R.S. reports as follows (1) All utility services including light power (?water) and refrigerators working. (2) Small Armed Tug in running order captured. (3) One Lighter in use and more available. (4) Considerable quantity of good timber available. (5) W/T is long distance from Naval Office. All transmitters considerably damaged. Receivers generators and battery charging instruments intact. (6) Repair facilities negligible. (C. in C.E.I. 1028Z/14 to Admty. etc.)

DIDO. Your 1058Z/11 and F.O.I.C. Simonstown's 1033Z/13. Approved that DIDO to taken in hand at Durban as proposed. (D.O.D.(F) 1636B/14 to C. in C.E.I.)

U.S.11A. Your 1426/4 and P.S.T.O. India's 0123/6 and P.S.T.O. Egypt's 1651/31/5. In view of shipping and administrative difficulties involved in turning U.S. 11 A round in Ceylon, and necessity of making fullest possible use of these giant liners. Request remarks as to possibility of transhipment at any port nearer to Suez should the latter become impracticable. For information of S.N.O. Red Sea, ships concerned are QUEEN MARY, QUEEN ELIZABETH and AQUITANIA with 16,000 troops due to pass Aden (date). (D.O.D.(F) 1707B/14 to C. in C.E.I.)

America and West Indies.

British Mission. Nucleus British Mission established in Washington and nucleus U.S. Mission in London. Composition and functions. (Head of M. 0010B/14 to C. in C.A.W.I. etc.) See Lion Copy.

/WINNIPEG .....

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WINNIPEG. ARICA.	Pending issue of consultations with Netherlands Gov. on question of bringing WINNIPEG and ARICA into Allied employment arrangements may be made now to make ships ready for service. (D.S.T. 0043B/14 to N.O.I.C. Trinidad.)
Fuelling Bermuda.	Progress of new tank. Owing to congestion of berths in Dockyard frequent movements of U.S. Tankers will seriously impede refits of H.M. Ships and M.V.'s. American request consider this requirement should not take precedence over our needs. (C. in C.A.W.I. 0357Z/14 to Admty.) Reply: 1258/15.)
C.I.P. (French)	Left 2400/13 for Bay Town Texas due 22/6 in hope of getting required fuel oil cargo. (St. Thomas 0709/14 to D.N.I., 2022/14 to M. of W.T.) My 2012 R/11. Ship sailed midnight 13/6. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1121R/14 to Admty.)
CANTON.	Propose to sail CANTON for Freetown on completion of working up practise on 17/6. Request route East of E. 040° W. (C. in C.A.W.I. 0952Q/14 to C. in C.S.A.)
CARADOC. DUC D'AUMALE.	Have returned to Castries with one Walrus. My 1051Q/14, intend proceeding on patrol during the absence of VAN KINSBERGEN, with a view to intercepting DUC D'AUMALE and also search as far as Dominica Channel. Local American information states that U.S. destroyer and air patrol off Fort de France has now been discontinued. (CARADOC, 1059Q/14 to C. in C.A.W.I.)
PANDORA.	Admty.1220B/13. Disregard Admty.1194B/12 and comply with my 1709P/11 breaking W/T silence to acknowledge when West of 25° W. (F.O.C. 3 B.S. 1139B/14 to PANDORA.)

/Shipping .....

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Shipping Curacao.	S.N.O. Curacao 1305/30/1. Information -regarding Merchant Ship movements except U.S. and British Ships is to be supplied to U.S. Consul Curacao. Need for maintaining absolute secrecy with regard to any information imparted is to be emphasized. (C. in C.A.W.I. 11540/14 to S.B.N.O. Curacao)
SHEHERAZADE. (French)	My 2112/7 and related signals. U.S. have not finally abandoned policy of supplies for N. Africa and it is possible that in the near future a decision to release SHEHERAZADE may again be taken. (Hd. of M. 1944B/14 to C. in C.A.W.I.)
Independent Shipping, Routes.	As submarine menace on western seaboard of North Atlantic increases the routeing and diversion of independently sailed ships and ships dispersed from convoy presents increasing difficulty. It would be of assistance if the special area reserved for east bound shipping could be reduced to a minimum or abolished for the present. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2252B/14 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.O.A.C. Halifax.)
RANPURA, D/C's dropped.	Admty. 2212/24/4. A series of letter V's heard at 2120 G.M.T. bearing 540°. Have dropped depth charges and altering course to 038°. My position 046° 20' N. 049° 10' W. (RANPURA, 2302Z/14 to Admty.)
REVENGE, suspicious schooners.	2 Four masted and 3 Three masted fishing schooners, 1 flying Portugese colours, resembling description given in your 1433P/31 approx, 045° 08' N. 051° 02' W. at 1840Z, in case light craft are available to investigate. Expect to be 10 hours late at R/V. tomorrow/15, course 000°. Inform Admty. H.X.132 arriving position E. at 0200Z/17. (REVENGE, 2348Z/14 to F.O.S B.S.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

TRESILLIAN survivors.

Return to St. Johns, N.F. on completion of search. You are required at St. Johns, N.F. a.m./16. (C.C.N.F. 0231Z/14 to RESTIGOUCHE) C.G. Cutter DUANE proceeding St. Johns with crew of TRESILLIAN picked up 44.54 N., 44.25 W., 46 officers and men, all well, none lost. (O.P.N.A.V. 1806/14 to Admty.) Following passed to Admty. At 1820Z passed U.S. Destroyers MOFFETT and SIMS who report TRESILLIAN survivors rescued by C.G. Cutter DUANE. My P. C. and S. 044° 18' 046° 08' 015° 13. Intend altering to 330° at 2030Z ST. CLAIR in company. (RESTIGOUCHE 1840Z/14 to N.O.I.C. Newfoundland.)
DUANE reports she will arrive St. Johns, N.F. at 0600/15 with crew of TRESILLIAN all safe and well. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1945Z/14 to Admty.)

ROBIN MOOR. (sunk 21/5)

Mr. Eccles, British survivor of ROBIN MOOR, is of opinion submarine which sank ship was of class U.27 to U.36. Her engines were very noisy. Name LORRICKE and head of COW in red were painted on conning tower. Time was 8.30 G.M.T. 21/5 and position 6° 10' N. and 25° 40' W. (Consul, Pernambuco, T.H.I. 1059/14 to S.O.I's Freetown, Montevideo.)

SACRAMENTO VALLEY. (torpedoed 6/6)

M.V. CAITHNESS has picked up 39 survivors from S.S. SACRAMENTO VALLEY torpedoed in 17° 10' N. 30° 10' W. at 0500/6, one boat with 7 men missing. (S.O.I Freetown, 1705N/14 to Admty.) British, 4573 tons, Cardiff to Pernambuco with coal. Position about 300 miles W. of St. Antonio, Cape Verde Islands. (D.S. 649, 15/6.)

PENDRECHT. (torpedoed 8/6)

Following from Cape Race from G.Q.Q.R. Capt. and 11 of crew of M.V. PENDRECHT which was torpedoed 8/6 rescued 45.18 N. 35.53 W. at 1320 G.M.T./10, 2 lifeboats still adrift. Arriving 15/6 (ends) Signal letters G.Q.Q.R. unknown. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1925Z/14 to Adty.)
Dutch tanker, 10,746 tons, from Swansea to New York in Convoy O.B.529. Position about 400 miles N.N.W. of Flores Island, Azores. PENDRECHT had been torpedoed previously on 18/12/1940, but was able to reach Greenock under her own steam. (D.S. 649, 15/6.)

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Submarines Reported.

1800/15. Submarine on surface reported by Fishermen in approx. 065° 40' N. 024° 00' W. at 1800Z/13 reported grade C.2. Hudson taking off at 1400. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 1315/14 to Admty. etc.)

1053. Convoy S.L.76 was probably reported by an Italian U.Boat at 1053Z/14. (D.D.I.C. 1326B/14 to CUMBERLAND.)

Estimated U.B. dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1359B/14.)

1749. Following received from U.S. ship ALBERMARLE begins. A/C report S/M 45.55 N. 49.55 W. course 100° at 1749 G.M.T. 1320 (ends) (C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1930Z/14 to Admty.)

1541. By D/F at 1541Z/14 position of enemy U.Boat 66° 40' N. 33° 00' W. reliable fix probably homeward bound. (D.D.I.C. 1951B/14 to MANCHESTER, HERMIONE etc.)

Searches. U.Boats are being searched for in vicinity of Fair Island following up aircraft sightings of yesterday. BLACK SWAN is S.O. with STORK, CELIA, OPHELIA, and two M.L.'s. STELLA, PEGASI is to proceed forthwith by Hoy Gate to position 270° Fair Isle Southernlight 10 miles and act under the orders of BLACK SWAN and CELIA who will be S.O. Trawlers. Keep A.C.O.S., R.A.D., BLACK SWAN informed of your movements. Aircraft are co-operating. When investigating contacts depth charges are not to be dropped to eastward of Meridian of 1° W. (A.C.O.S. 1211/14 to STELLA PEGASI.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C.

U.Boat sighted in 066° 50' N. 023° 10' W. being attacked by aircraft 1620. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1753Z/14.)
Aircraft arrive at position of submarine at 2030 remaining until 0030/15 call sign B.8.D. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 1924Z/14 to Admty. etc.)
Following received. Addressed Reykjavik from C/269 AAAA. Have dropped bombs on position H ? ? Boats ? as sighted Nil has appeared. 1725?/14 (Erds) (C. in C.W.A. 1950/14 to Admty.)
N.O.I.C. Iceland 1753Z/14. Detach destroyer to hunt (?U.Boat) keeping clear of mine field. Second aircraft (?may be) expected at 2030z. (F.O.18 C.S. 1955Z/14 to HERMIONE, MANCHESTER.)
Following received Addressed Reykjavik from C/269. Enemy's position is 66.50 N., 23.10 W. 1643/14. (C. in C.W.A. 2013B/14 to Admty.)
Following received addressed C/269 from Wick. Continue cover him, relief coming. 1748/14. (C. in C.W.A. 2016/14 to Admty.)
Aircraft has sighted and attacked U.Boat in 66.50 N. 23.10 W. (D.O.D.(H) 2054B/14 to MANCHESTER, HERMIONE.)
N.O.I.C. Iceland's 1753Z/14 and Admty's 1951B/14, have detached ICARUS from 066° 30' N. 022° 02' W. to hunt until 0100B/15. (HERMIONE, 2100B/14 to F.O. 18 C.S.)
My 1924/14. Hudsons B S D B then S G K L will be searching till 0630Z then (corrupt group) Y 6 D till 1000Z. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 2256Z/14 to Admty. etc.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Successes in aircraft operations against shipping off Dutch coast and Frisian Is.

Aircraft reinforcements leave Malta for M.E.

Operation "Battleaxe" (military advance in Western Desert) has begun.

Two British destroyers seriously damaged by air attack off coast of Syria. Lack of fighter protection for our ships.

DAUNTLESS and EMERALD damaged in collision in Malacca Straits.

British Air Operations.

Blenheims of Bomber Command operated today off the coast of Holland and the Frisian Islands. An E-boat off Hook of Holland, a 4,000 ton ship off the Hague, and a small merchantman off Borkum are claimed as total losses. A 5,000 to 6,000 ton ship off the Helder received a glancing hit.

Beauforts of Coastal Command operated today against shipping off the Dutch coast and report a hit on a 5,000 ton ship which was last seen listing.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Operation S.N.66.

R.A.(M) in AGAMEMNON left Port ZA at 0502B with MENESTHEUS and 4 destroyers to lay mines near the Faroes tomorrow. AURORA left Scapa at 0727 to provide A.A. escort. NIGERIA and KENYA are to provide cover to the eastward. After laying is completed KENYA is to return to Scapa and NIGERIA return to patrol S.E. of Iceland after refuelling at Skaale Fiord.

The ports of Tees and Hartlepool were closed early this morning until 1640. Both ports will be closed daily from 0500 to 1200 approximately.

Motor fishing vessel AUDACIOUS No. L.O.54 was mined and sunk this morning in the Thames Estuary.

13 Mines, including 3 new French mines, were cut off Dartmouth today.

North Atlantic.

Convoy H.G. 65 was unsuccessfully attacked early this morning by 2 to 4 aircraft in 34° 50' N. 8° 43'W. A Catalina flying boat escorting the convoy engaged the enemy and sustained slight damage. It was later reported that 3 German and 1 Italian aircraft came down about 100 miles N.E. of Lisbon; possibly they were casualties from this engagement.

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South Atlantic.

The port of Takoradi was reopened at 1806Z.

Mediterranean.

Operation "Tracer".

43 Hurricane aircraft from ARK ROYAL and VICTORIOUS, escorted by 4 Hudsons arrived safely at Malta. 5 Hurricanes either failed to leave the carrier or came to grief. The operation was completed without incident so far as the ships were concerned. VICTORIOUS left Gibraltar this evening for the U.K., escorted to the westward by Force H.

29 Hurricanes left for the Middle East this morning, but 8 returned on account of weather.

Western Desert.

Operation "Battleaxe" (a military advance) has commenced. Capuzzo has been captured. The 19th Divn. destroyers are continuing to run supplies to Tobruk.

5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour last night.

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Mediterranean.

Palestine and Syria.

ILEX operating off the coast of Syria was seriously damaged about 1300 today by French bombers off Saida. No fighter protection was available. The ship reached Haifa.

ISIS was hit in the boiler room in attack by German aircraft this afternoon and reached Haifa under her own power, escorted by COVENTRY and fighters.

The French destroyer CHEVALIER PAUL (reported on 14/6 proceeding eastward in the Ionian Sea) was sighted by 2 Sunderlands at 1840 today in 35° 52' N. 31° 33' E, steering 84° and was shadowed. 815 Squadron left to make a dusk attack.

China.

DAUNTLESS and EMERALD were in collision in Malacca Straits tonight and are proceeding to Singapore under their own steam. EMERALD had several casualties.

M.V. NINGPO was damaged by a floating mine this morning while at anchor in the examination anchorage at Singapore.

U-Boat Campaign.

There are D/F indications that Convoy S.L. 76 is being shadowed by Italian U-Boat.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Defence of U.K.

Scapa.

Your 2045/14/6 and my 1154/31/5. The Division of M.Ls. at present based on Scapa form an integral part of the defences and are the only patrol craft available that can possibly hope to deal with small enemy fast craft either inside or outside the flow or when operating in conjunction with the A.E. Stations. They have been operating as a seaward patrol for the past week. It is understood that the 107th Flotilla have only a speed of 12 knots. It is considered essential to retain at Scapa this Division of the 15th M.L. Flotilla or craft of a similar type. (A.C.O.S. 1130/15 to Adty.)

Movements.

Blyth.

My 1205B/12 and my 1056B/14. Sailing delayed. (N.O.I.C. Blyth 0257B/15). Sailing again delayed. (N.O.I.C. Blyth 1845B/15)

New Patrol Areas.

My 1830 and my 1840/14 amend as follows. Area A Z, B Z, C Z to be transferred 50 miles westward. CORINTHIAN take C one. (F.O.C.N.P. 0904/15).

AURANIA.

Cancel my 1510/13. N.O.I.C. Iceland (C) is requested to sail AURANIA for Halifax in accordance with Adty. 2141B/14 para. 3. (F.O.C.N.P. 0930B/15 to N.O.I.C. Iceland (C)).

TRIDENT
TUNA

Orders for leaving patrol after dark 17/6, Information re other S/M's. (Capt. (S) 3 1029B/15 to TRIDENT, TUNA).

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Movements contd.

P.33. Arrnagements for sailing to Gibraltar 17/6. (Capt. (S) 3 1141B/15)

CORINTHIAN My 1040B/14 my 1840B/14 and my 0904/15. On leaving patrol to join S.L. 76 CORINTHIAN is to pass through (d) 047° 00' N 021° 30' W. (F.O.C.N.P. 1650B/15 to W.P.12).

VICTORIOUS. Re employment on arrival at the Clyde about 22/6. (D.O.D.(H) 1657B/15).
If fuel does not permit HESPERUS remaining with you she should be detached to proceed to Liverpool via North Channel fuelling at Londonderry. HESPERUS should pass through 054° 00' N. 015° 00' W. (C. in C. W.A. 2350B/15 to VICTORIOUS).

PANDORA (for U.S.A.) Adjust route to pass through 046° N 016° W and thence as previously ordered. Imperative that you keep to the Eastward of 016° W until South of 046° N. Bombing restrictions are being arranged. (F.O.(S) 2124B/15 to PANDORA).
Informing Adty. of alteration to his 1719B/15. (F.O.(S) 2204B/15)

AURANIA. Adty. 2141B/14. AURANIA escorted by CHURCHILL and BURNHAM is being sailed to join O B.334. No other A/S escort available in Iceland. Request C. in C. W.A. orders AURANIA onward route. (F.O.I/C Iceland 2215Z/15).

FURIOUS. HERMIONE is required to escort FURIOUS to Gibraltar. It is anticipated FURIOUS will be ready to leave the Clyde p.m./19. (A.C.N.S.(H) 2344B/15 to C. in C.H.F.)

Operations.

Northern Patrol If 2 cruisers are required on patrol MANCHESTER is to relieve EDINBURGH at 1200Z/21 and EDINBURGH is to relieve SUFFOLK at 1200Z/24 . (F.O.C.S. 18 0948Z/15).

Patrols....

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Operations Contd.

Patrols.

Patrol STAND now in operation, also a flight dropping nickel on Denmark. Patrol SLEEVE will be flown p.m. today. (C. in C. Rosyth 1130/15).
Patrols STAB, BERT, SLEEVE now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1804/15).
Covering period 1200/14 to 1200/15.
14/6. Six Blenheims to attack shipping between Texel and Ijmuiden, 6 between Katwijk and Walcheren and 3 shipping off Calais completed their task, but found no shipping to attack. The last three Blenheims were escorted by fighters and carried out a thorough search of the area. (H.Q.B.C. 1455/15).

Search for BISMARCK.

Your 2219/13. Behaviour of aircraft torpedoes. (ARK ROYAL 1620/15 to Adty.)

Enemy Air Operations.

MUTIN.

H.M.D. MUTIN machine gunned by enemy aircraft at 1800/14 S.E. Lizard 3 miles. One Casualty. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 0037/15).

DALEMOOR (Bombed 13/6)

Your 2335 proceed to examination anchorage or Leith Roads. (N.O.I.C. Leith 0115/15). Arrived Leith Roads unable to dock owing to draught. (N.O.I.C. Leith 0930/15).

Ramsgate.

At 0329/14 enemy aircraft dropped 3 H.E. bombs. No casualties nor damage to Naval personnel or property. (N.O.I.C. Ramsgate 1027B/15)

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Mining.

Operation S.N.66.

Amend my 2346/14 to read:- Hudsons from 1200/15 to 2300/15 Whitleys from 2300/15 to 0120/17. (C. in C. Rosyth 0106/15 to R.A.M.)
My 0106/15. A/c delayed owing to weather. Further signal will be made. (C. in C. Rosyth 1036/15 to R.A.M.)
My 1036/15. Expect Hudson aircraft at about 1345 today. (C. in C. Rosyth 1202/15 to R.A.M.)

Tees & Hartlepool

Ref. My 1103/14. Port of Tees closed. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0459/15)
Ref. my 0459/15. Port of Hartlepool closed. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0555/15)
My 1103/14 Port of Hartlepool will also be closed daily from 0500 to 1200 approx. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1018/15)
Port of Tees and Hartlepool now open. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1640/15).

Search of Q.Z.X.228.

Ref. My 1023/12 and C. in C. Rosyth 1700/12 Oropesa search of Q Z X.228 completed with negative result. Area bounded by following positions. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1131/15)

AUDACIOUS Sunk.

Com. Sheerness reports Bawley Motor Fishing Vessel AUDACIOUS No. L O 54 mined and sunk approx. 8½ cables S E from B V 10 at 0832/15. One injured survivor landed at Sheerness. 4 believed missing. (C. in C. Nore 1629B/15)

Casualties & Defects.

ECLIPSE

Arrived with condensor defects. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1701B/15)

/SS. GALLOISE.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties & Defects Contd.

S.S. GALLOISE. Resulting from collision with S.S. NORTH DEVON off entrance of Tyne, S.S. GALLOISE was damaged and safely beached on Herd Sand. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1820/15).

MARGARET SUTTON. Tug ATHLETE arrived Hartlepool 2145 with fishing vessel MARGARET SUTTON in tow. MARGARET SUTTON in sinking condition subsequently sank in N.W. Corner Old Harbour Hartlepool. Not blocking Channel no casualties. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 2330/15)

Shipping & Convoys.

End-to-End Escorts. Policy with regard to end to end escort is not being fully implemented. In last six O.B. (S) and O.G. convoys an average of 16 and 12 ships respectively were bound for N. American ports. Request consideration to O.B. (S) convoy being routed northbound and escorted end to end from the earliest possible date. In this event no ships for N. American ports (N. of and including Jacksonville) would be sailed in the southbound O.B. and O.G. convoys. (A.C.N.S.(T) 0002B/15 to C. in C. W.A.) Your 0002B/15. This has always been my wish and we are ready to implement it now. Request appropriate steps be taken at once with shipping authorities and N.C.S.O's informed. (C. in C. W.A. 1302B/15 to Admty.) See also 1213B/17.

Catapult M.V's. Re working up of catapult aircraft Merchant Ships at Belfast. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1135B/15 to V.A.N.A.S)

/Escort to Halifax....

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Shipping & Convoys Contd.

Escort to Halifax.	Extension of U/Boat attacks still further to westward may soon compel us to adopt continuous escorts as far as Halifax. Proposals. (C. in C. W.A. 1213B/15 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
Ships for St.Lawrence.	Your 1200B/14 cannot be approved owing to probability of the Convoy being drastically rerouted before arrival off West Atlantic Coast. (D.T.D. 1644B/15 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe).
Catapult Merchant Ships.	Agreed between Admiralty and Air Ministry that until further experience has been gained the following operational restrictions are to be observed by Catapult Aircraft Merchant Ships not fitted with R.D.F. and those fitted with 286 P type R.D.F. (D.T.D. 1951B/15 to C. in C. W.A. etc.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

CLYDE
SEVERN

My 1910A/12. Omit position 8 proceed through 036° 25' N 002° 05' W. Own surface force E.T.A. given a.m./15. SEVERN P.C. & S. 1200A, 036° 10' N 001° 45' W 065° 13. (F.O.C.N.A. 0610A/15 to CLYDE).

Air Attack on H.G.65.

H G 65 attacked by 2 F W. No hit my position 034° 50' 008° 43'. (WELLINGTON 0650A/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)
H G 65 attacked by three F W aircraft in 034° 50' N 008° 43' W at 0650A/15. No hits. (F.O.C.N.A. 0846/15 to Admty amended 1236A/15)
My 0846/15. Catalina flying boat escorting H G 65 engaged F W aircraft attacking convoy and sustained slight damage. (F.O.C.N.A. 1826A/15 to Admty).

Air Report of H.G.56 attack.

Daily Summary Ops.
1 escort to convoy H.G.56 in 34° 55' N. 08° 45' W. Catalina escorting above saw bomb splash, circled convoy, sighted Focke Wulf Kurier approaching convoy from astern out of sun. Catalina attacked. Later saw total 4 E/A who attacked convoy single dropping bombs 200 - 300 ft., only once did E/A attack in line astern formation. Catalina remained on quarter of convoy and attacked each E/A as before, contact only short one (owing?) enemies superior speed. Enemy replied with machine gun and cannon fire causing (hits?) to own aircraft with no vital damage or casualties. Own tracer appeared to go home with no apparent results. Enemy failed to score any hits.on convoy, only near misses. Later signal received from A.A. Lisbon states 3 German 1 Italian A/R reported down N.E. of Mourquin. As no other E/A reported Area North Atlantic Station today from Y sources consider it highly probable these aircraft those which attacked H.G.56. (200 Group, 2312/15).

/2 Enemy.....

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North Atlantic Contd.

Air Report of H.G.56 attack contd.	2 Enemy A/C bearing course and distance unknown, position 286 PCL 14. (A.B.V. Scottish 0920A/15) My 0920A/15 Aircraft three in number are large four engine machines northbound. German markings. (Scottish 0930A/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Operation "Tracer"	(?Request following) information of operation "Tracer". (a) Time of arrival each lettered formation. (b) Cause of delay arrival last formation and at what time W/T communication established. (c) Were aircraft sighted by enemy and if so at what stage? Your 0853B/14 marked 'Important' received too late for aircraft to be informed. Local safety arrangements should be notified before escort leaves Gibraltar. (S.O. Force H 0921Z/15 to V.A. Malta). Operation Tracer carried out according to plan and without incident. Mean position of flying off 038° 56' N 003° 00' E. Visibility poor to moderate. Believed Force H not sighted but R.D/F in VICTORIOUS unsatisfactory and lacks experience. Intend landing Hurricane erecting party on arrival at Gibraltar. (V.A. Force H. 0922Z/15 to Admty.) Arrival S.O. Force "H" in RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS, FAULKNOR, FEARLESS, FORESTER, FOXHOUND, FORESIGHT, WISHART, HESPERUS. (S.O.(I) Gib, 1030A/15 to Admty etc.)
VICTORIOUS Force H, HESPERUS.	Your 0109B/6 and 2250B/14. Intend to sail HESPERUS with S.O. Force H p.m./15 and to continue with VICTORIOUS to U.K. (F.O.C.N.A. 1208A/15 to Admty.) My 1208A/15. Request you will detach HESPERUS if fuel necessitates to proceed to U.K. C. in C. W.A. is requested to signal route and destination for HESPERUS. (F.O.C.N.A. 1702A/15 to S.O. Force H, VICTORIOUS). Departure S.O. Force 'H' in RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS, FAULKNOR, FEARLESS FORESTER, FOXHOUND, FORESIGHT, HESPERUS. (S.O.(I) Gib, 1800A/15 to Admty. etc.)

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DUNCAN — Can you release DUNCAN on arrival for WIVERN division. WRESTLER would then be sailed for Freetown on arrival of DUNCAN at Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1456A/15 to C. in C. South Atlantic.)

Enemy Unit — At. 1414 G.M.T. German surface ship bearing 250° 3rd class from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1540A/15 to N.A. Stn.)

German ERNA OLDENDORF — Arrival 14/6. Loading iron ore. (Consul Bilbao, 1641/15 to D.N.I, N.A. Madrid 1731/15 to Admty.)

SHEFFIELD — Request may be available for future Hurricane operations as her long co-operation with ARK ROYAL enables effective fighter control to be exercised and her experienced personnel provides a reasonable reliable degree of warning. (S.O. Force H, 1806/15 to Admty.) SHEFFIELD is to return to U.K. to make good action damage. Further orders for leaving Convoy and refitting port will be signalled later. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2346B/15 to SHEFFIELD).

South Atlantic.

BRIDGEWATER — Request Portuguese Govt. be informed proposed BRIDGEWATER shall visit St. Vincent Cape Verde arriving 23/6(?) and that I may be informed if any objection to this visit. (C. in C. S.A. 0115N/15 to Ambassador, Lisbon)

Takoradi open. — My 2045/14. Send immediate signal when port is opened and report if any delay in operation of Oropesa minesweeper. I will send minesweeping trawler from Freetown if necessary. (C. in C. S.A. 1111N/15 to DRAGON)

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Takoradi open contd.

Takoradi harbour open. Oropesa in operation but consider M/S trawler should be sent to relieve tug and personnel if use of harbour is being extended. (DRAGON, 1806Z/15 to C. in C. S.A.)

W.S.8X NEPTUNE

Departure 0800/15 NEPTUNE as ocean escort to Convoy W.S.8X. Local escort CLEMATIS and WOODRUFF until 0600/17. (S.O.I. Freetown 1301N/15, to Admty.)

French A/C attack on LISS.

Norwegian S.S. ROLF JARL picked up two Vichy French officers 16 miles due West of Tamara Islands on 13/6. Their aircraft appears to have caught fire in flight and alighted near ship. The aircraft had flown over Freetown earlier in the day and possible that it might have been hit by M.G. fire from ships. Officers, now detained at Freetown state they were in aircraft referred to in my 1301/13 but deny firing at LISS. They also state battery's action in firing at LISS was contrary to instructions and that on identifying LISS they signalled battery to cease immediately and to a sloop coming out that it was not required. I think they are to be believed and certainly as regards firing on LISS. (C. in C. S.A. 1355N/15, to Admty.)

Shipping Freetown Resumed.

Your 1755/14. Last sentence of A.M.1530/7 is cancelled. Ships for convoy from West Coast should now be sailed from Freetown. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1639B/15 to C. in C. S.A.)

DRAGON.

Under consideration that DRAGON should proceed to Simonstown to refit via Lagos and Pointe Noire Bay. Request report

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South Atlantic Contd.

DRAGON Contd. — whether you consider it important that you should report results of your arrangements for Minesweeping personally or can do this by signal and Air Mail. In latter case DRAGON would proceed as above without returning to Freetown. (C. in C. S.A. 1923N/15 to DRAGON).

ASTURIAS — Your 1511Z/9, fuelling successful. (ASTURIAS, 2215Z/15 to R.A.S.A.D.).

SCYTHIA, Gibraltar refugees. — Your 2015A/15 N.T. in W.R. My 2127N/14 Position (c) is 18° 12' N 17° 42' W. (C. in C. S.A. 2233N/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

BERGAMOT — C. in C. W.As. 1236/10 request you will sail BERGAMOT through positions (A) 20° N 20° 30' W. (B) 8° 30' N 16° 30' W. (C. in C. S.A. 2305N/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Admty. 1835/3/4.

DUNCAN defects. — DUNCAN is now twelve months out of dock, has defects, urgently requires docking. Request WRESTLER may be sailed to relieve DUNCAN as soon as possible. (C. in C. S.A. 2307N/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Mediterranean.

Haifa Air Raid. — Ref. C.A.F.O. 587/40, Para. 4, and my 1210/14 Air Raid on Haifa (a) 14/6/41 - Haze over sea and cloud after 0300 hours. (b) High level and shallow dive bombing. Probably 5 aircraft not identified. Duration of attack about 1½ hours. Aircraft used no illumants moon on wane. (c) H.E. bombs and probably "G" mine. (d) About (?8) bombs and one mine, principal target port area. (e) (i) No damage of importance.

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Mediterranean.

Haifa Air Raid Contd.

(ii) Nil. (f) No shore naval A.A. battery. (g) No remarks. (h) No action. Unit of the fleet in action during attack. (?Probably) mine dropped in shallow water close to lee breakwater exploded. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 0945/15 to C. in C. Med. Admty.)

REGENT Attack on Convoy.

Reports at 2230/12 unsuccessfully attacked Northbound convoy S.W. of Pantellaria. 0500/13 sighted escorted Northbound convoy in position 035° 57' 011° 54' ships too small to attack. No difficulties experienced on passage through Narrows. (Major defects). Expected delay 4 days. (S.O.(S) Malta, 0955B/15, to Capt. S.1.)

Suez Canal.

Your 2141B/8. Report on minesweeping progress. (C. in C. Med. 15470/15 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

Operation "Tracer".

C.S.R. Malta. Up to 1600 hours 15/6. Operation "Tracer". 4 Hudsons and 43 Hurricanes arrived safely. Of remaining 5 Hurricanes 1 did not leave carrier, 1 left formation in direction North Africa, 1 alighted in sea, pilot rescued uninjured, 1 overrun on landing Luqa slight damage to aircraft, pilot uninjured. 1 stalled when turning to land, pilot killed. All accidents Malta directly attributable to stupidity Hudson Captain, all 9 Hurricanes accompanying landing with less than 10 gallons. Matter under investigation. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1600/15).

RAMB IV.

Your 1535/12. Ref. (2) see para 5 of Admty. 2016/13 to C. in C. Med. regarding flag. RAMB IV should be temporarily registered by local British Consul as British ship. (D. of S.T. 1636B/15 to P.S.T.O. Egypt.)

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Enemy Battleship?	One detached Battleship bearing 270° distant 15 miles approx. course 090°. My position 35°N 31°E 50 K8. (A/C 635 Sqd. 1810/15 via Malta W/T).
LYDIARD	C. in C. Med., 1110/14 , my 0045/15. LYDIARD sailed in place of KINGSTON CRYSTAL, E.T.A. Haifa 0500/17. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria 18430/15 to N.O.I.C. Haifa.)
Vichy Intelligence	A report dated 11/6 Graded C.3 states that COLBERT and FOCH were taking in fuel at Toulon and that GALISSONNIERE and DUPLEIX were ready for sea. Also reported that a regiment of Chasseurs d'Alpin was to leave Hyeres for Syria on 15/6. (D.D.I.C. 1948B/15 to C. in C. Med. etc.)
Air Units.	Necessary to determine the air requirements to enable Fleet to operate in Central Mediterranean. Proposals. (1st S.L. to C. in C. Med., 2205B/15). See Lion Copy.
Operation "Battleaxe"	C. in C. Med. 2359/15. See Syria Section, following.

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Syria.

HERO
KIMBERLEY
GRIFFIN

HERO and KIMBERLEY about to engage Cruiser target, GRIFFIN on road target. (HERO 0512/15 to LEANDER).

Operational Summary No.370 up to 1200/15.

Rhodes bombed.

Night 13/14. 2 Wellingtons bombed Calato Aerodrome Rhodes.

Benghazi bombed.

9 Wellingtons attacked Benghazi Harbour. 1 Wellington also bombed and machine gunned Benina Aerodrome. 3 Wellingtons bombed Gazala north and south landing grounds. 2 Wellingtons bombed Derna town and satellite landing ground. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1102/15).

Operational Summary to 1800 hours 14/6.

French M.V.'s Turkey.

F.A.A. 4 Swordfish (Cyprus) Harbour 0400 hours Striking Force dispatched from Cyprus to intercept French cargo vessels off Turkey. Vessels last reported proceeding S.E. under orders of Swordfish. (H.Q., P. & T.J. 1227/15).

French Destroyers.

In view of importance of liquidating French destroyers provided their position can be determined by a late reconnaissance (? vessels should be) attacked whether (? in harbour) or not. (C. in C. Med., 15270/15 to A.C.C. P. and T.J.)

French Propaganda

H.Q. P. and T.J. reports:- Following from statement issued to Arab leaders Damascus by French S.S.O. French fleet on way to Syria and already accomplished most dangerous part of journey. Weygand sent 40,000 men from North Africa to land in Syria in a few days. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 15540/15 to C. in C. Med.)

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Ammunition — Essential to restrain expenditure of destroyer's 4.7" ammunition in bombarding operations as there are only 7,000 cartridges with No.14 primers at present in E. Med. Except against important targets S.A.P. should be used in preference to H.E. which is also required for A.A. I consider 5.25" cruisers should not bombard except in serious emergency. (C. in C. Med., 1645/15 to C.S.15) Your 2143/14. Ammunition being despatched as follows (in NAIAD etc.). Request you will arrange with N.O.i/c Haifa for ammunition not required (? for) ready use Harbour to be stored on shore. Not desired to have an ammunition ship in Haifa Harbour. (C. in C. Med., 1833C/15 to C.S.15).

Liaison — Re branch of Spears Mission to be attached to Gen. Catroux. Chief of Staff No. 132 (1st S.L., 1744B/15 to C. in C. Med.) See Lion Copy.

ISIS — Your 1740/15 (N.T. in W.R.). Fighter escort is to escort ISIS Southward and Westward no more aircraft available. If you (? wish) to divert escorts in emergency they will take your orders by R/T. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1838/15 to C.S.15, COVENTRY).

? CASSARD — (?CASSARD) KATSARD "K" Class course 084° speed 25 knots. My position 35.52 N., 37.33 E. (Via Malta W/T., 1840/15 to Whitehall W/T.).
Following has been read. QQQQ B-MQ 2. Am carrying out duty of shadowing CASSARD (? KATSARD). (Malta W/T., 1850/15).
Following has been read. (L 08 AA-) (? Make) Landfall then shadow one enemy destroyer estimated to be in 35.52 N., 37.33 E. at 1810, course 085° speed 24 knots. (Malta W/T., 1905/15.).

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? CASSARD Contd.

Take over shadowing from Sunderland at 2030 and continue to shadow and (? strike). (N.O.I.C. Alexandria 1926/15 to R.N.A.S. Foord.).
AAA will do dusk (? attack).
(? R.N.A.S. Foord via Malta W/T 1930/15 to C.S.15).
Following has been read Addressed 8TLI (undecypherable in War Reg.) 207A 571 shadowing enemy as long as possible. Swordfish may also shadow. (Group H.Q. M.E. 2005/15).
Following has been read. Addressed 8T4 (undecypherable in War Reg.) LO8AA report destroyer's p.c. and s. (Group H.Q. M.E. 2030/15).

C.S.15

You should keep 815 Sqn. informed of movements of your force during night of 15/16 to avoid confusion. (C. in C. Med., 20130/15 to C.S.15, 931 Sqdn., 815 Sqdn. etc.).
Your 1810/15. Send COVENTRY to Port Said to make good defects. (C. in C. Med., 20390/15, to 15 C.S.)
C. in C. Med.'s 20390/15. ISIS entering Haifa. Am sailing for Port Said. (COVENTRY, 2231/15, to C.S.15).

JANUS damage.

Principal damage to JANUS as result of five hits as follows. Damage beyond capacity of Eastern Mediterranean in existing circumstances, Ship can be ready on one boiler for Ocean Voyage in about four days' time. (C. in C. Med., 20210/15 to Admty.)

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D.2. E.T.A. off breakwater 0530/16 ILEX in tow of HASTY, HERO in company. Central route outside gate. No casualties (? on board) Capt. D.2, 2301/15 to N.O.I.C. Haifa)

Enemy Destroyer. A A B Striking Force failed to intercept am despatching moonlight search east of Cyprus. (R.N.A.S.Ford, 2315/15 to Group H.Q. Middle East NR 3.)
A214 Y1033 regret shadowing completed Destroyer position 325 Cape Kormakiti 32 at 2055, course Northerly, speed reduced. (3 Group H.Q., M.E., 2335/15 to C.S.15).

Situation Report No.57. Syria. French Destroyer CHEVALIER PAUL sighted by Sunderland in position 35° 52 N. 31° 33' E. at 1840/15 steering 084° 24 knots. Aircraft shadowing. 815 Squadron left for dusk attack.

ISIS ISIS hit in boiler room in attack by German aircraft about 1790/15. Proceeding to Haifa under own power escorted by COVENTRY and fighters. Force 'B' was attacked about 1 p.m. by French bombers off Saida.

ILEX. ILEX seriously damaged No.2 boiler room flooded. No fighter proection available.
(3) Saida which was proving an obstacle to Army now reported on our hands. Destroyers have continued to operate actively in support of Army. Bombardments confined to military targets.
(4) Results of Swordfish attacks on ships outside Beirut uncertain. Probable that ship sighted at 0129/13 was THEOPHILE GAUTIER. LEANDER reports both Destroyers sighted p.m./14 were GUEPARD Class.
(5) Western Desert. Operation "BATTLEAXE" has commenced. Army advanced apparently satisfactory on the left and Capuzzo and Bir Wir captured but coastal column held up 2 miles East of Halfaya. Some

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Syria

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casualties to 'I' tanks. 19th Division continuing to run supplied to Tobruk. (6) Malta. JADE's satisfactory E boat action reported in V.A. Malta 1916B/14. (C. in C. Med., 2359/15 to Admty.)

East Indies.

CERES

Is to leave Durban 17/6 and proceed Port Victoria, Seychelles arrive 23rd. Present intention is for CERES to refit at Colombo about 1/7. (C. in C. E.I., 0820Z/15 to CERES).

SONTAY

Your 0742/14. Is it intended to undertake repair SONTAY at Massowa?. (C. in C. E.I., 0830/15 to N.O.I.C. Massowa).

GLASGOW

My 0824/22/5 not to Admiralty. Intend GLASGOW to arrive Singapore 26/6 for repairs. (C. in C. E.I., 0836Z/15 to C. in C. China,.

Transports at Massowa.

P.S.T.O. Egypt Port Said 1715/14 is the first intimation I have had of such large and valuable ships as EMPRESS OF RUSSIA and STRAITHAIRD calling at Massowa. Am not yet satisfied as to desirability of their doing so. Embarkation and berthing facilities are as yet primitive. Ships would have to anchore outside harbour. A risk from mines still exists. Request ships not sailed beyond Port Sudan until arrangements to receive them at Massowa have been settled. (C.in C.E.I., 1242Z/15 to S.B.N.O. Suez Canal)

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DIDO — Admty. 2011/10. Following is intended programme for DIDO. (C. in C. E.I. 1248Z/15 to Admty). See Operations Volume.

Catalinas R/C. — My 0314/3. Present disposition of Catalinas is F V U at Ceylon, F V W at Seychelle. Following searches recently carried out, on 12/6, Western and Southern edge of Saya de Malha Bank; on 14/6 Southern Maldives and area bounded by 9° 40' S. 62° 10' E. 9° 40' S. 60° 20' 8° 20' S. 62° 10' E. 8° 20' S. 60° 20'. Diego Garcia was also visited by two Catalinas on passage. (C. in C. E.I., 1428Z/15, to Admty. etc.).

China.

ANNELIESSE ESSBERGER — Left Kobe 12/6.
(Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0359Z/15 to Admty.)

America & West Indies.

RESTIGOUCHE — Join H X.132 forthwith.
(C. in C. W.A. 0040B/15, to RESTIGOUCHE)
Your 1228B/14. H X.132 expected to reach position E at 0200Z/17. (R.A. 3 B.S. 0111P/15 to Admty.)

ST.CLAIR — Proceed to St. John's N.F. forthwith.
(C. in C. W.A. 0344B/15 to ST. CLAIR).

CANTON — My 0932Q/14. If CANTON is not urgently required intend she should remain at Bermuda until 19/6 to make good defences to S/L Gearing. (C. in C. A.W.I. 0925Q/15 to C. in C.S,A.).

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St. John's N.F. Base.	Discussion with C.N.S. Canada, and Minister of Navy. Shore works and staff. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1041P/15 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
WOLFE H.X.133	Intended to sail WOLFE as ocean escort to HX.133 subsequent proceeding Iceland. ASSINIBOINE and ST. CROIX are proceeding Western R/V as local escort subsequent to returning to Halifax and Sydney C.B. respectively. (R.A. 3 B.S, 1114/15 to Admty.)
DIOMEDE	Has developed defect in main steam joint. Expect to complete repairs 18/6. (C. in C. A.W.I, 1132Q/15 to Admty.)
St. John's N.F. Escorts.	Please keep me informed regarding escort programmes and situation at St. Johns N.F. and especially if you consider number of escorts in at any one time given in Admty. 1401B/3 is likely to be exceeded, together with your proposals for disposal of overflow. (C. in C. W.A, 1214B/15, to Cdre. Cdg. Newfoundland). Your 1214/15 Following expected to be available for H.X.133, OTTAWA, ST.CLAIR, ORILLIA, COLLINGWOOD, CHAMBLY in harbour 2 months overdue for boiler cleaning and minor engine defects. Request E.T.A. further forces may be signalled. Trots for destroyers and corvettes supplied from Halifax and are now equipped. (C.O. Newfoundland Force, 1738Z/15 to C. in C. W.A.).
Fuelling Bermuda.	Your 0357/14. Regret disadvantages mentioned must be accepted. Turn-over date should be arranged locally. (4th S.L. 1251B/15 to C. In C. A.W.I.)

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Independent Shipping Routes. Your 2252/14. Agree to abolish special reserved area and accept risk to convoy sections making junction. Such risk would be minimized if details of routes of ships in this area could be given direct to C.O.A.C. as well as N.S.H.Q. vide your 2208/13. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1502Z/15 to Admty.)

WARSPITE Approx. date of arrival of WARSPITE at Bremerton. (D.O.D.(F) 1651B/15 to B.A.R.M.)

ESMERALDA
OMEGA
TROPICUS My 1856/3/4/41. OLTUL SIRETUL and PRAHOVA are now on Panamanian Registry and have been renamed ESMERALDA OMEGA and TROPICUS respectively. Owner has been placed on Statutory List. Vessels are suspected of possessing enemy character and if encountered should be sent in to nearest British port.
(Admty, 1738B/15 to C. in C. A.W.I., etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

TRESILLIAN (torpedoed 13/6) — U.S. Coastguard Cutter DUANE proceeding St. Johns with crew of TRESILLIAN 46 officers and men all well none lost. (D.C. 0028B/15 to C. in C. A.W.I., etc.)

BARON NAIRN (torpedoed 7/6) — British, 3164 tons. 18 survivors BARON NAIRN torpedoed 2223Z/7th in 047° 36' N. (? 039° could be 32° 02' W. picked up by CHAMBLEY 1845Z/11 in 047° 55' N. (? 039° could be 37°) 49' W. and brought to St. John's N.F. 1 boat not found reported to have been north-east of boat picked up and to be making for Clydebank. (C.C.N.F, 1234Z/15 to Admty. etc.)

Submarines Reported.

1620/14. — My 1924/14. Further aircraft operations suspended owing to unfavourable weather conditions. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 0120/15 to Admty. etc.)

1541/14. — My 0436B (N.T. in W.R.) Disregard time limit, continue to hunt. (HERMIONE, 0509B/15, to ICARUS.)
My 1955/14. Abandon hunt and rejoin Cruiser on Patrol. (F.O. 18 C.S., 1937Z/15 to ICARUS, ACTIVE, ACHATES).

1900/14. — Submarine reported on surface by fisherman approx. 066° 40' N. 023° 10' W. at 1900Z 14th. Heading North graded B 1. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 0520/15 to C. in C. W.A., etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

S/M's Reported. Contd.

HEINA report. Ref. 1220Z/11 CHESHIRE. On arrival at Halifax Master of Norwegian ship HEINA reported S/M sighted 4 miles distance proceeding at high speed on surface steering E. In sight for six minutes visibility about six miles no marking distinguishable. Master regrets did not break W/T silence but did pass the position of S/M two days later to Corvette No.146. Position passed was in error. Should read 048° 30' N. 031° 40' W. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1015Z/15 to Admty.)

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1433B/15).

1725. Following has been read:- Am over Enemy S/M in 62°02 N., 19°24 W.
(Lyness W/T, 1725/15).
Following has been read. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and seen to submerge.
(Lyness W/T, 1730/15).
A/C reported over S/M position 062° 02' N. 019° 24' W. at 1725Z/15. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1749/15 to A.I.G.46, C.S.18 etc.)

2055. D/F bearings at 2055 G.M.T. indicate convoy S.L.76 is being shadowed by Italian U Boat. (D.D.I.C. 2349B/15).

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SITUATION REPORT

Principal Events

"C.A.M." Ships initiated.

Naval forces are only to operate off the coast of Syria if proper fighter protection is allocated.

CHEVALIER PAUL (Vichy French destroyer) torpedoed S.E. of Crete by aircraft.

C.A.M. Ships.

A few merchant ships are being fitted with catapults in order to provide air protection for convoys outside the range of shore based aircraft. These ships are designated Catapult Aircraft Merchant Ships short title C.A.M. Ships.

Home Commands

Denmark Straits Patrol.

Until further orders, only one cruiser is to be on patrol in the Denmark Straits. Whenever possible a destroyer is to be on patrol in company with the cruiser.

Brest

Two unidentified ships were sighted by aircraft leaving Brest at 2100B yesterday, course West. All available M.T.B's from the Nore and Portsmouth Commands were ordered to concentrate at Dover, armed with torpedoes, and Force H., which left Gibraltar yesterday evening covering VICTORIOUS to the westward was ordered to act on the assumption that the ships were warships. These orders were cancelled at 0344B when it was established that the ships were merchantmen.

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Home Commands-Contd.

Submarine to be based at Lerwick.

As close submarine patrols off the coast of Norway are impracticable during the summer months F.O.S. proposes to base a submarine at Lerwick, available for intercepting enemy units breaking out.

HERMIONE

On relief today in the Denmark Straits by EDINBURGH, HERMIONE when ready is to rejoin the Western Approaches Command. She will escort FURIOUS to Gibraltar.

British Air Operations

5 Wellingtons of Bomber Command attacked Dunkirk Docks last night.

25 Blenheims operated today against shipping off the Frisian Islands and Dutch coast; there were no outstanding results.

Enemy Air Operations

Fishing trawler ATLANTIC was bombed and damaged at 1500 3 miles S.E. of Eddystone.

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Mining

Operations
B.S. 54. TEVIOT BANK and HOLDERNESS sailed from Humber at 0815B but returned at 1220 owing to a defect in the former ship.

S.N. 66. RA.M. reported this operation completed at 0737B (minelaying near Faeroes)

B.S. 58. GUILLEMOT and PLOVER sailed from Harwich at 2035 to lay mines in the East Coast Barrier.

Two Hampdens laid mines off Dunkirk last night.

Mines were detonated today off Great Yarmouth, Sheerness and Hartlepool.

The area off Erith which was closed on 14/6, was reopened to navigation this afternoon.

Mediterrancan

Submarine Operations. CLYDE reports sinking a 4000 ton south-bound ship on 1/6 off Serpentera (S.E. coast of Sardinia) On 8/6 she sank a 2500 ton laden north bound ship by gunfire in the Gulf of Policastro.

UNBEATEN attacked an enemy convoy escorted by the liner OCEANA or NEPTUNA this morning off the Straits of Messina and obtained 2 hits, probably on the escorting liner.

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Operation "Tracer"

8 more Hurricanes led by a Blenheim left Malta today for M.E.

Western Desert.

Wellingtons attacked Benghazi last night.

Palestine & Syria

Naval forces withdrawn owing to lack of fighter protection.

C. in C. Med. reported that he had been forced drastically to curtail the daylight operations of forces supporting the Army on the coast of Syria as there is no fighter protection available, all being required by the Army, and he cannot afford to have his destroyer strength further reduced. He therefore ordered C.S. 15 to withdraw his force (LEANDER and 6 destroyers to be increased to 8 destroyers) to Haifa during daylight, except when special operations are called for or until fighter protection is available.
Later, at the request of the Army C.S. 15 was authorised to continue day operations provided proper fighter protection is allocated.

The A.O.C. has been asked to do all possible to eliminate the French destroyers.

CHEVALIER PAUL Torpedoed by Aircraft.

Naval aircraft of 815 Squadron were despatched to intercept and attack the French destroyer CHEVALIER PAUL which was sighted yesterday afternoon by a Sunderland hit the ship with 2 torpedoes at 0300 today 55 miles 96° Cape Greco (34° 56' N., 34° 5' E) A few minutes later CHEVALIER PAUL made S.O.S. in this position. Blenheims were despatched to search for the ship, but failed to find her; however a merchant vessel of 3000 tons in 34° 54' N., 35° 30' E course 21° was bombed on giving no reply to challenge and one hit is claimed. CHEVALIER PAUL may have reached Tripoli, as C.S. 15 was too far south to intercept; but at 1600 a large number of rafts, boats, wreckage and oil were found in the approx. position where the destroyer was attacked. C. in C. Med. considers the CHEVALIER PAUL was sunk by 815 Squadron.

/Force B.....

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Mediterranean

Palestine & Syria-Contd.

Force B. encountered 2 French destroyers off Beyrut at 0430 today and chased them into harbour. JERVIS and KIMBERLEY may have scored hits. Our forces suffered no damage.

COVENTRY is temporarily out of action with defects.

East Indies

CHAKDINA captured a dhow laden with foodstuffs off Ras Bir, 50 miles south of Perim, at 0600 today. Another ran ashore and was abandoned. CHAKDINA's motor boat was fired on from the beach.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

15th M.L.F. — Your 2043/14 and A.C.O.S. 1130/15. I agree that M.L.'s are required in both places. Consider that disadvantages of dividing the Flotilla must be accepted until another Flotilla becomes available. (C. in C.H.F. 1103/16 to Adty.)

Defence of U.K.

Iceland (C). — Your 71220 (MO.3) 9/6. During present phase battle of Atlantic existing arrangements for combined H.Q. works well, i.e., Admiral and group captains in one H.Q. in Reykjavik each with a direct tie line to me at Artum and I have base details with them. If invasion attempted I agree complete combined H.Q. necessary and should therefore always be in operation. Feel that I have not quite convinced Admiral and group captains of necessity as they are deeply immersed in present phase and reluctant at once to take precautionary measures against problematical but of course really vital menace. Am preparing plans for combined H.Q. at Artun. Communications already established here as outlined in my letter of 14/5. (C.O.C. Iceland (C) Force 1937/16)

Movements.

HERMIONE. — Adty. 2344/B/15. If fuel permits return direct to Scapa with despatch weather permitting. (C. in C.H.F. 1013B/16 to HERMIONE.)

Netherlands T.B.'s. — Your 1740B/14. Situation regarding Netherlands Z class T.B.'s is as follows. (D.O.D.(H) 1021B/16 to C. in C.W.A.)

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AURANIA. F.O.I.C. Iceland's 2215Z/15. AURANIA is to remain with C.B. 554 until reaching 45° W. when she is to break off and proceed independently to Halifax passing through Belle Isle Straits. (C. in C.W.A. 1035B/16 to AURANIA.)

TIGRIS. Arrangements for sailing for patrol. (Capt. (S) 5 1053B/16)

N.E.F. Your 1758Z/15. Following ships of N.E.F. are now on passage to St.Johns.
A. Escorting C.B. 551 E.T.A. 19/6.
ASSINIBOINE, HARVESTER, ABERDEEN, LONDONDERRY, ARROWHEAD, PRIMROSE, CAMELLIA.
B. Escorting C.B.552 E.T.A. 20/6. HAVELOCK, PHILANTE, SANDWICH, MAYFLOWER, HEPATICA, TRILLIUM, WINDFLOWER, SNOWBERRY, EYEBRIGHT.
(C. in C.W.A. 1129B/16 to C.C.N.F.)

HERMIONE. Your 1015B/16. Fuel insufficient. Intend oiling at Hvalfiord. E.T.A. Scapa 1500B/18 where most necessary to clean for first time one boiler which will have steamed 950 hours also embarking essential naval stores, provisions etc. Anticipate ready in all respects to sail from Scapa p.m./21.
(HERMIONE 1205B/16 to C. in C.H.F.)

FURIOUS. FURIOUS will be ready to leave Clyde for Gibraltar on 19/6.
2. Ocean escort will be provided by HERMIONE.
3. C. in C.W.A. is requested to:-
(A) Provide A/S escort to limit of destroyer's endurance.
(B) Arrange route and R/V for HERMIONE.
(C) Sail ships at convenient time after completion of loading.
4. C. in C.H.F. is requested to sail HERMIONE to R/V with FURIOUS as ordered by C. in C.W.A.
5. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to provide inward A/S escort. (D.O.D.(H) 1303B/16.)

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HERMIONE's 1205B/16. Consider proposed programme is necessary and should be carried out. HERMIONE can arrive Clyde a.m./22. (C. in C.H.F. 1934B/16.)
HERMIONE's 1205B/16 not to all addressees. In view of C. in C. H.F. 1934B/16 delay of sailing from Scapa until 21/6 must be accepted.
2. A.M.1302B/16, para.4.
C. in C.H.F. is requested to inform C. in C. W.A. of time at which HERMIONE will be able to make R/V West of Islay. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2352B/16)

KUJAWIAK. (Polish destroyer.)

Intend to sail KUJAWIAK at 0900/17 for full power trials and Rosyth. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 2322/16.)

Operations.

M.T.B.'s.

All available M.T.B.'s are to be concentrated at Dover forthwith. (1st S.L. 0049B/16 to C. in C. Nore, Portsmouth, V.A. Dover.)
All available M.T.B.'s are to be sailed for Dover forthwith armed with torpedoes. (C. in C. Nore 0124B/16 to N.O.I.C. Harwich.)
Cancel my 0049B/16. (1st S.L. 0349B/16)
Cancel my 0124B/16 M.T.B.'s return to Harwich. (C. in C. Nore 0425B/16.)

Intend to sail with ACTIVE at 1800Z/17 to relieve MANCHESTER. (route) (SUFFOLK 2000Z/16)

Denmark Straits patrol.

Until further orders only 1 cruiser is to be on patrol in Denmark Straits. EDINBURGH leave patrol forthwith and returns to Scapa. Whenever possible 1 destroyer is to be on patrol in company with cruiser. (C. in C.H.F. 1105B/16th.)
C. in C.H.F.1105B/16. SUFFOLK is to relieve MANCHESTER at 1200Z/18. (F.O.C. 18 C.S. 1322Z/16.)

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Biscay patrol.	Your 2049/7. Admty. concurs that the proposed area might be fruitful but it can only be estbalished at the expense of present normal patrols. It has moreover the very grave disadvantage of being outside the sink at sight area. 2. Proposals to extend the existing sink at sight area are now under active consideration. Should such extension be possible, the disposition of submarines in the Bay will be reconsidered. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1120B/16 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
S/M to be based at Lerwick.	As close patrols off Norwegian Coast are impracticable in summer months and in order to keep a S/M available in a good position for intercepting enemy units breaking out of or into North Sea it is proposed that so far as possible one S/M of 9th Flotilla should be based at Lerwick. Lerwick is suggested as it is thought that a S/M would be inconspicuous there if berthed say between two trawlers and with camouflage netting. Advantages of Lerwick over Sullom Voe. S/M would be kept available for patrol at 4 hours notice. Request your remarks. (F.O.S. 1221B/16 to A.C.O.S.)
M.G.B. operation.	Carry out H.D. Three (A) 2145/16. Code word "Slave". Fighter protection arranged. (C. in C. Plymouth 1329/16 to S.O. 3rd. M.G.B.F.L.) My 1329/16. Fishing craft are not to be interferred with. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1749/16)
KRONSBERG.	Send Finnish S.S. KRONSBERG under armed guard to Kirkwall if met. She was met at 1307/13 in 060° 58' N. 015° 30' W. and ordered to proceed there but has not arrived. (C. in C.H.F. 2142B/16 to C.S. 18.)

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British Air Operations.

Patrols. Patrols STAB, BERT, STAND, SLEEVE will be flown p.m. today. (C. in C. Rosyth,1404/16.)

Attacks on shipping. Day 15/6. Blenheim aircraft continued their attacks against shipping off the German Dutch and French Coasts. A 1,000 ton cargo vessel 8 miles south of Borkum and three miles west of the Hague a 4,000 ton M/V and an 'E' Boat 12 miles west of the Hook of Holland are claimed as total losses.
Between Vlieland and Haarlem a 5/6,000 tons M/V escorted by at least six Flak ships is claimed as damaged.
Night 15/16 June. Dunkirk Docks. 5 Wellingtons attacked. 2 Hampdens successfully laid mines. (H.Q.B.C. T.H.I. 1602/16.)

Breach of Regulations. Skipper of Steam Trawler WILLIAM HANBURY C.Y. 1522 reports that when 7 miles W.N.W. of Skerryvore at 0930/6 G.M.T. a twin engined plane approached and proceeded to practise dive bombing over his ship. He was on the point of opening fire when he saw the distinguishing marks to be British. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1731B/16.)

Enemy Air Operations.

ATLANTIC. Fishing Trawler ATLANTIC has returned to harbour and reports having been bombed by a three engine machine at 1500 today when 3 miles S.E. of Eddystone. Weather thick at the time. Ship damaged by one hit and one near miss. Three bombs were dropped in all. 2 wounded. (C. in C. Plymouth, 2005/16.)

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Mining.

Tees and Hartlepool.

Port of Tees and Hartlepool closed in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0456/16.)
One acoustic mine detonated (position) at 0532/16. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0936/16.)
Port of Tees open in accordance with my 1103/14. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1400/16.)

Operation B.S. 54.

Departures TEVIOT BANK, HOLDERNESS in company at 0815B/16. (F.O. Humber 0816B/16.)
Operation is postponed. Am returning to harbour owing to engine defect requiring 48 hours to make good. (TEVIOT BANK, 1007B/16.)
Arrivals TEVIOT BANK, HOLDERNESS in company at 1220. (F.O. Humber 1230B/16.)
My 1007/16. 19/6 is earliest date on which TEVIOT BANK will be able to carry out B.S.64. (TEVIOT BANK 1705/16/6.)

Operation S.N.66.

S.N. 66 completed. (R.A.M. 0837B/16.)

My 1135B/14. Amend para. 2 to read. Begins. After ley AURORA provide A/A Escort for R.A. M/Ls. and return to Scapa. KENYA return direct to Scapa. NIGERIA, refuel Skaale Fiord, and make a patrol. Ends. (C. in C.H.F. 0915B/16.)

Thames Estuary.

One magnetic mine detonated at 1440/14/6 (position). (Capt M/S Sheerness 1010/16.)

Reference my 1543/14 area between Dartford Creek and Littlebrook Power Station on south side of channel is open to navigation. (F.O.I.C. London 1722/16.)

/Dartmouth .....

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Mining. - Contd.

Dartmouth. Mines cut 15/6 by 9th M.S.F. in Q.Z.Y. 208. 9 weed encrusted Dutch Vickers, 1 German Z type or French Brequet very old, 5 French SS Sautter Harle new. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1509/16.)

S.S. ALA (sunk 15/6) A.M.1829B/15. S.S. ALA in tow of tug SECURITY was routed by the inshore coastal route through the Looe Channel by which all coastal trade has been running for six months. Shoreham Harbour can only be entered and departed from at high water and this makes it often necessary to use the Looe to make the Gate at Portsmouth during daylight. The tow was routed by this Channel primarily due to this route being very much safer from air attack as air escort is not practicable for these small sailings. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1545B/16.)

Yarmouth. Positions of 2 magnetic mines detonated today. (F.O.I.C. Great Yarmouth 1901B/16.)

Operation B.S.56. Departures. FITZROY, SUTTON at 2008. GUILLEMOT, PLOVER at 2035. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2037B/16.)

Operation off Belgian Coast. Harwich departures M.T.B's 22, 32, 30. M.G.B. 64, 58, 62. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 2202B/16.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Two ships leaving Brest. Two unidentified ships were sighted by aircraft leaving Brest at 2100B/15 course West. (A.C.N.S.(H) 0034B/16 to C. in C.H.F. S.O. Force H. CUMBERLAND, SHEFFIELD, F.O.(S)). My 0034B/16. Photographs show that these ships were merchant ships. (1st S.L. 0343B/16 to advisees of former.)

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Brest. Brest 1500/6. SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU and PRINZ EUGEN still present. (D.D.I.C. 1500B/16.)

Oslo. German Warships and arrivals. (N.A. Stockholm, 1821/16.)

3 Boats. Following has been read. 3 enemy Motor boats bearing unknown course 310° speed 20 knots, my position 53° 0' N. 2° 50' E. (Nore W/T 2227/16.)

Casualties and Defects.

KUJAWIAK. (Polish destroyer.) Have been delayed by defective stern gland. Am proceeding to Rosyth at 0830 and thereafter to Scapa as previously arranged. (KUJAWIAK 1525/16.)

Shipping and Convoys.

S.L. 76. SHEFFIELD. CUMBERLAND. SHEFFIELD and CUMBERLAND are to part company with S.L.76 after dark 16/6 and proceed to Scapa (route) A.C.O.S. is requested to sail SHEFFIELD after refuelling to Rosyth, where she will be taken in hand for repairs. Prisoners of war on board SHEFFIELD will be landed at Rosyth. C. in C.H.F. is requested to afford CUMBERLAND opportunities of carrying out H.A. practices at Scapa before she is sailed for Chatham. My 2237/4/6, 1609/14/6 and C. in C. Nore 2158/10/6 refer. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1337B/16 to A.C.O.S., C. in C. H.F. etc.)

/Catapult .....

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Catapult (CAM) ships.	A few merchant ships are being fitted with catapults in order to provide air protection for convoys outside the range of shore-bases aircraft. These ships are designated Catapult Aircraft Merchant ships with the short title of CAM ships, and are hence-forward to be referred to by this short title. N.C.S.O's are to inform Masters of Merchant Ships fitted with catapults of this title. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1524B/16 "A" Message.)
W.N. and Ocean Convoys.	Your 1909B/14. HX.130 has been told to report E.T.A. at Loch Ewe ahd if necessary W.N.42 will be diverted to Loch Ewe to await their arrival. The position as regards sailing W.N. Convoys in conjunction with arrival of Ocean Convoys remains as in my 1259/23/5.(C. in C.W.A. 1830/16 to Admty.)
Troop Transport from Aberdeen.	N.O.I.C. Aberdeen's 0828/16 (Not to C. in C. H.F. or Admty.) Request has been made for escort for S.S. AMSTERDAM for Lerwick and S.S. LADY OF MANN for Long Hope, with troops, from Aberdeen 18/6. This duty involves escort vessel being absent from Scapa for 2 days. There are no Home Fleet or working up destroyers available. Understand this will be a weekly commitment for another 6 weeks and it appears unlikely that it can be met in future except when a sufficiently worked up "Hunt" is available. (R.A.D.1957B/16 to C.in C.H.F.)
S.L. 75.	Arrived safely, 16 British and 6 Allied ships. Commodore, Adm. Crooke. Cargoes (D.S.650)

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North Atlantic.

Force H., Brest report.	Assume the ships referred to in A.M. 0034/16 (Two unidentified ships leaving Brest) are warships and take action accordingly. (1st S.L. 0057B/16 to S.O. Force H). Cancel my 0057B/16. (1st S.L., 0346B/16. to S.O. Force H).
CLYDE Prisoners.	Due 1705A/16. I have 7 Italian prisoners of war, 4 seriously injured. (weather report) (CLYDE 0719A/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)
French Convoy.	Gibraltar 1720 15/6 French Destroyers SIMOUN, AVEYRON, CARIMARE, LORRAIN full and ARAGAZ light passed Eastbound. (S.O.(I) Gib., 0845A/16 to Admty, C. in C. Med).
CAUDEBEC LE TRAIT. (French).	One German Bomber crashed at Callao (South Portugal) A.M./15 seven killed A.1. Two others reported crashed C.3. French M.V. CAUDEBEC and LE TRAIT reported Setubal, arrived 13/6. (N.A. Lisbon, 1027/16 to Admty)
Force H. VICTORIOUS.	Force H. VICTORIOUS sailed 2330B/15 routed through 035° N.010° W.035° 30' N.015° 00' W. S.of A. 17 knots. (F.O.C.N.A., 1028B/16 to N.A. Stn).
Submarines Policy.	In view of present obscure situation may I be kept informed of policy for submarines in Western Basin both re (A) French Warships proceeding to E. Mediterranean. (b) French M.V. escorted by French Warships which are sighted within free for all area. (F.O.C.N.A., 1058A/16 to C. in C. Med).
TAIGETHINE ARCOLA Italian.	Are ready to sail and have anchored outside harbour. (Consul, Teneriffe 1110/16 to D.N.I.) (F.O.C.N.A., 2324A/16 to N.A. Stations).

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SHEFFIELD
HERMIONE.

Your 1806/15 crossed Admty 2346B/15. Particularly desired to take this opportunity to repair SHEFFIELD and to give her ship's company some leave. HERMIONE will take her place temporarily and hoped this will not be too inconvenient.
(1st S.L., 1121B/16 to S.O. Force H).

Oilers for Gibraltar, Freetown.

Admty 2238B/12. In order to give escort a reasonable chance of meeting these ships proceeding Gibraltar, request following information should be included in route signals. (F.O.C.N.A., 1228A/16 to Admty).

SCYTHIA.

Your 1243B/9. Anticipate SCYTHIA will be ready to sail for U.K. on 23/6 with approx. 1300 personnel of whom about 650 will be service personnel. In view of your 1938B/14/5 and your 2154B/13 request confirmation ocean escort will be available.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1250A/16 to Admty) See also Admty 2109/16, South Atlantic.

Enemy A/C reports.

On 15/6 at 0800 S.E. of Sagres an aircraft of unknown nationality course N.W. at 0900 to N.W. a German aircraft. At 1020 off Oitavos a German aircraft course N, at 1000 off Cape Roca a German aircraft course N. 180 knots. At 0800/15 off Cape Roca a French transport course N 10 knots.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1258/16 to Admty).

French M/S

French M/S LA GRACIEUSE Class alone bound North 9 knots position 26. P C L 25.
(SCOTTISH, 1445A/16 to V.A.C.N.A.)

VICTORIOUS
RENOWN
ARK ROYAL.

My 2250B/14. Position X amended as follows:- 49° 00' N. 29° 30' W. Ships are to keep to the westward of 28° W after passing 45° N.
(D.O.D. (H), 1601B/16 to S.O. Force H, C. in C. W.A.)

/CHATEAU YQUEM.....

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CHATEAU YQUEM. — C. in C. Med., 2346/14. Ship purporting to be CHATEAU YQUEM sighted and photographed 036° 38' N 000° 40' W 12/6. course 360°. She passed Gibraltar eastbound 4/5 and was due westbound early June according to usual habit. (S.O.(I), Gib., 1722A/16 to Admty).

SEVERN. — Proceed forthwith to patrol off Palermo. W H P 2 Palermo 5 reverse order of patrol. You have full discretion as to time spent in each area. Cross 009° E westbound on 30/6. CLYDE intelligence follows. (F.O.C.N.A., 1910A/16 to SEVERN).

CLYDE
R.of P. — My 2010A part 1 CLYDE reports 4,000 tons Southbound ship torpedoed and sunk off Serpentera 1/6. 6,000 tons ships missed. Eastbound escorted Transport unsuccessfully attacked in Gulf of Terranova 2/6. Nothing sighted off Ischia Channel, minor traffic only South of Naples. 8/6. One destroyer attacked, torpedoes ran under and same day 2500 ton laden Northbound ship sunk by gunfire in Gulf of Policastro. No merchant vessels sighted in Stromboli Messina area. Periscope R/C of Palermo 12th revealed considerable shipping and one 6 inch cruiser in port. 14th sank by gunfire 500 ton Auxiliary sailing vessel 20 miles S. of Sardinia strongly suspect hydrophone fitted A/S vessel 7 prisoners. Surface A/S activity otherwise non-existing, slight air patrols. Minesweepers having sweeps similar to LL sighted sweeping in Bocca Piccolo Naples and Gulf Gioja. (F.O.C.N.A., 2010A/16 to C. in C. Med).

FARNDALE. — Your 1730A/16. My P.C. and S. are 035° 38' N 010° 32' W 180° 20 knots. (FARNDALE 2101A/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)

French Convoy. — Gibraltar 1845/16 DAHOMEY, LIEUT. DE LA TOUR, CONDE, FORT DE SOUVILLE all full escorted by sloop eastbound in territorial waters. (S.O.(I) Gib., 2221A/16 to Admty)(See also D.O.R., 17/6.)

/RUMBA.....

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RUMBA. Expected to call at Fayal about 23/6. Request arrangements may be made for the Fayal Coal Supply Comp. to provide 90 tons coal. Permission is being asked through Ambassador. (D.O.D. (F) 2356B/16 to N.C.S.O., Ponta Delgada).

South Atlantic.

EAGLE. EAGLE 0228N/16 (Hush, N.T. in W.D.) Request information if EAGLE intention to return is approved in order instructions may be given to oiler BISHOPDALE. (C. in C. S.A., 1125N/16 to Admty).

MARKHOR sailing craft signal. At 0230 G.M.T. 24° 55' S 02° 10' E. passed small sailing craft which fired one green rocket. Returned daybreak searched locality without result. Passage resumed 16/6. (MARKHOR, 1227/16 to Admty).

Forces Z and F BISHOPDALE. Your 0815N/16. Request you will recall Force "Z" and Force "F" to Freetown forthwith. Forces may be employed on passage to Freetown as desired by you but Force "Z" should keep well clear of position ordered for daylight 17th. C. in C. A.W.I., Bermuda, is requested to recall R.F.A., BISHOPDALE to Bermuda. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1501B/16 to C. inC. S.A., C. in A.W.I.)

VILLE DE STRASBOURG. (French). Departure Trinidad 11 July, 8½ knots. (Walvis Bay, 1502Z/16).

Force F. Admty 1501/16. Return to (?Freetown). (C. in C. S.A., 1631N/16 to S.O. Force F., F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. A.W.I.)

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FRANKFURT HERMES. (German).	Rio de Janeiro reports FRANKFURT has commenced loading. HERMES appears to be ready for sea, and now it seems unlikely she will bunker, before sailing. (S.O.(I) Montevideo 2016Z/16 to R.A.S.A.D.) Rio de Janeiro reports HERMES has obtained clearance.(S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2042Z/16 to R.A.S.A.D.)
PRETORIA CASTLE.	Proceed to Capetown passing through K.36 D, L 36 B, L one A, centre of L one then to Capetown. (C. in C. S.A., 2057N/16 to PRETORIA CASTLE).
SCYTHIA CAMERONIA (escort).	C. in C. S.A.'s 2317/13. and 2127/14. In view of large number of personnel in SCYTHIA and CAMERONIA they can not be allowed to proceed unescorted by either a cruiser of an A.M.C. As SCYTHIA has already sailed DUNCAN should escort her as far as Gibraltar. If this is not practicable she should be recalled to Freetown and sailed with escort stated. Anticipated cruiser escort will be availble from Gibraltar to U.K. about 4/7 CAMERONIA should be sailed with escort to Gibraltar if possible in time to take advantage of this escort to U.K. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to inform C. in C. S.A. on what date he will be able to provide inward A/S escort to Gibraltar for these ships after taking into consideration. Repeat Operation "TRACER" completing about 3/7. Details in A.T. 2046B/16. (A.C.N.S. (F) 2109B/16 to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.N.A.)
PAMPANO.	Pernambuco reports Italian PAMPANO has come alongside quay to discharge grain cargo. (S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2158Z/16 to S.O.(I) Freetown).

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Mediterranean.

General.

Operation. "Tracer".

Your 0921 Z/15.
(a) First three between 1550 B and 1740 B. Fourth formation arrived 1840 B 14.
(b) Bad navigation. W/T communication established at 1643 B. (c) No.
(V.A., Malta, 1035B/16 to S.O. Force H.)

ABDIEL.

To embark 12 Aircraft torpedoes as arranged by S.O. Aircraft Carriers, Med. Fleet. Sail 1200/17 with all convenient despatch for Famagusta disembark torpedoes and return to Alexandria on completion. Passengers or equipment for Cyprus may be embarked if required.
(? 1152C/16 to ABDIEL.)

TAKU.

Leave patrol p.m./18th (route) to arrive Alexandria Sanctuary 055C/22. RORQUAL is expected in 033° 45' 025° 00' at 0500C/19 proceeding direct to arrive Alexandria 21st.
(Capt. S.I. 1431C/16 to TAKU.)

Operation "Tracer".

C.S.R. up to 1600 hours 16/6. "Tracer". 8 Hurricanes left Malta led by 1 Blenheim for Middle East. Of 4 Wellingtons due from Gibraltar 1 failed to arrive cause unknown. Another crashed in sea near Malta cause unknown all crew killed.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta 1600/16.)

French destroyer.

Operational Summary No. 37 up to 1200 hours 16/6 1941. 15/6. 2 Sunderlands located and shadowed French Destroyer north of Cyprus apparently en route to Syria.

BENGHAZI DERNA & BARDIA bombed.

Night 14/15. 5 Wellingtons bombed Benghasi harbour. 1 Wellington bombed Derna. 1 Wellington bombed enemy camp 3 miles south Bardia.
(H.Q. R.A.F., M.E., 1620/16.)

/Movements....

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Mediterranean.

General Contd.

Movements.	Summary No. 206. (C. in C. Med., 1828C/16.) See Lion Copy.
Benghazi bombed.	Preliminary Summary Operations No.1,15/6. Bombing night 15/16 Wellingtons attacked Benghazi large fires and explosions also ships Benghazi harbour aerodromes. Also aerodromes Cyrenaica bombs and spikes and M.T. concentrations Bardia. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 2214/16.)
ATLAS SULLBERG. (German.)	Arrived 15/6. (Valencia, 230/16, to M. of W.T.)
S/M. Refits.	S. 1's 2118/3 Concerning TAKU etc. Propose to defer these refits until reliefs are forthcoming unless condition of submarine necessitates their being taken in hand. (C. in C. Med., 2250C/16.)
Italian Warships.	From D/F bearings at 1540 G.M.T. on 16/6 Italian warship call sign six Z P was in 037° (?N 018° 20' E., and call sign two C Z in position 20 miles S W of Cephalonia. (C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 2358C/16, to V.A.Malta.)

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

French Destroyer.	French Destroyer last seen 2115 hours 35° 49' N 32° 40' E course 083° 20 to 24 knots. She was then firing at something. (Group H.Q. M.E. 0045/16 to R.N.A.S. Ford).
ISIS. damaged.	ISIS safely berthed in Haifa. Following received from ISIS. As far as is at present known have sustained following damage. Large hole in 60 station starboard, forward fuel tank and No. 1. boiler room flooded. Hull badly strained at 134 station. Tail shafting bent. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0150/16 to F.O. 15 C.S., Capt. D.2).
DEFENDER.	Departure Haifa 0200/16. (DEFENDER 02370/16 to C.S.15).
2 Destroyers.	Bearing 150° distance 6 miles approx. course 18° my position 087° 20 miles 34° N 35° E. (Capt. D.14 0435/16 to Alexandria Base Ship W/T Station).
CHEVALIER PAUL. (torpeoded)	CASSARD? hit by 2 torpedoes at 0300 position 096° Cape Greco 55. (C.O.R.N.A. S. Ford 0510/16 to Group H.Q. M.E) The Following has been read:- S.O.S. de CHEVALIER PAUL. 25 miles 200° from Latakia. (Nore W/T 0516C/16 to Whitehall W/T).
NAIAD.	My 12340/14. Take NIZAM, JAGUAR, KINGSTON, under your orders. Sail 1800/16 to arrive at Haifa 0800/17 to disembark ammunition on arrival as arranged. by N.O.I.C. Haifa. (C. in C. Med., 1104C/16 to NAIAD.)

/R/V with.....

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Syria. - Contd.

NAIAD. Contd.	R/V with NAIAD in 031° 17' N 029° 24' E at 1930 today. Have steam for full speed at that time. (NAIAD, 1657C/16 to JAGUAR, KINGSTON).
PROVIDENCE.	French liner PROVIDENCE reported approaching Mersin 1300/15. (C. in C. Med., 1241C/16 to F.O. 15 C.S.)
Lack of fighter protection.	Cannot afford casualties to destroyers. No fighter protection (all required for Army) C.S.15 to withdraw to Haifa during daylight. (C. in C. Med., 1004C/16 to C.S. 15 and 1006C/16 to Admty) See Lion Copy.
Destroyers shortage.	Your ?1930C/16. When the purport of my 1108C/16 is carried out you will have a total of eight destroyers at your command. We are so short of these vessels that more cannot be spared for a single commitment. Rest periods will be given at Alexandria by dint of relieving Destroyers as far as substitutes become available. (C. in C. Med., 1130C/16 to C.S.15).
Vichy destroyer bombed.	Following from H.Q. P.T.J. Two Blenheims arrived (?C) G P S searched for damaged Vichy destroyer from 0400 (? dead reckoning) in S.E. direction at 1230. Destroyers are not found but (? said to be) position (? 034°) 54' N 035° 30' E course 021° was bombed on giving no reply to challenge. One hit claimed. R/C of Latakia at 1030 reports medium amount of shipping larger than coastal sailing craft. T.O.O. 1521/16 (ends). (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1759C/16 to C.S.15)

/Enemy M.V.....

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Syria. - Contd.

Enemy M.V. attacked.	X.2587 A 89 16/6. Ops. Summary up to 2000 hrs. 16/6. 2 Sorties failed locate damaged Destroyer S.W. Tripoli attacked M.V.3,000 tons believed direct hit. (H.Q. R.A.F., R.W., 2005/16).
Situation Report. 58.	Syria. 815 Sqn. did not locate CHEVALIER PAUL at dusk/15 but carried out successful torpedo attack at 0400 in 35° 18' N 35° 18' E scoring one confirmed hit and one unconfirmed. CHEVAILIER PAUL not since located but may have reached Tripoli as C.S.15 was too far south to intercept. 2. C.S.15 was instructed to with-draw by day to Haifa owing to absence of fighter support but at request of Army for continued support was authorised to continue day operations provided proper fighter protection allocated. 3. Force B encountered 2 French destroyers off Beirut at 0430/16 and chased them into harbour. JERVIS and KIMBERLEY may have have scored hits. No damage to our force. 4. NAIAD and 3 destroyers have left Alexandria for Haifa to relieve 2 other destroyers. COVENTRY temporarily out of action with defects ILEX and ISIS have arrived Haifa. Both damaged by near misses and each has boiler room flooded. Casualties. 5. Western Desert. Details of Army operations not yet received. Active fighting taking place Movement forward of seaborne supplies delayed 24 hours. (C. in C. Med., 23580/16 to Admty).

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East Indies.

Transports at Massawa.	C. in C. E.I., 1242Z/15. Request you will comply with para 2. (S.B.N.O., Suez Canal, 0142C/16 to N.O.I.C., Port Tewfik etc).
Vichy Ships.	Admty 1332/27/5 para (ii) does not cover contingency of escorted Vichy ships. Request confirmation that existing procedure as given in Admty 1407/10/1 will apply. (C. in C. E.I., 0620Z/16 to Admty).
CERES.	My 0820/15 CERES is now to leave Durban 18/6 and arrive Seychelles 24. (C. in C. E.I., 0808Z/16 to CERES).
B.P.6.	Convoy B.P.6 arrived. (S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 1132Z/16 to C. in C. E.I., etc).
CORNWALL suspicious ship.	Ref. A.M. 0110/14. Yes. I consider stronger reasons were required in this locality to justify an only escort parting company from a 20 knots personnel convoy. My 0406/13 is passed to you. It indicated my opinion that encounter with ORNA was genuine. ORNA's failure to regard challenge will be investigated on arrival Aden. (C. in C. E.I., 1220Z/16 to Admty).
DUMONT D'URVILLE. (French sloop)	Report A.2 ship is based Diego Saurez. (S.O. (I) Capetown, 1453B/16 to Admty etc).
U.S. Consular Shipping Reports.	The present system used by U.S. Consuls for reporting shipping movements to America does not seem satisfactory. Reasons. Suggestions. Request policy be promulgated both at present time and should America enter the war. (C. in C. E.I., 1710Z/16 to Admty).

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East Indies. - Contd.

AQUITANIA tropical accommodation.

On arrival at Trincomalee Master of AQUITANIA? reported temperature of only spaces in which prisoners could be carried with reasonable attempt to guard them ranged from 97° to 101° and that men started to collapse. Master recommends alterations to existing accommodation before carrying prisoners again in the tropics. Concur.
(C. in C. E.I., 1748Z/16 to D. of S.T.

Operations against Dhows.

Motor Boat Patrol from CHANTALA located three Dhows 0330Z/16 two miles South of Anghar. Motor boat withdrew after trying to tow one laden foodstuffs under steady rifle fire from shore.
2. CHAKDINA captured one Dhow 0600Z/16 and another was run ashore and abandoned five miles North Ras Bir. Both carrying foodstuffs. Motor boat fired on from beach.
(S.N.O. Red Sea 1804Z/16 to C. in C. E.I.)

China.

DAUNTLESS EMERALD Collision.

DAUNTLESS EMERALD, in collision Malacca Streits 2230 G.M./15. Both proceeding to Singapore own steam. Casualties EMERALD 14 killed or missing 5 injured. DAUNTLESS not known.
(C. in C. China, 0331Z/16 to Admty).

N.E.I., Navy conference.

With concurrence Govt. Gen. of Netherlands E.I., Vice Adm. Helfrich and Major Gen. Berenschot arrive Singapore tomorrow for elucidation dates and points arising out of A D.B and D B conference report, principally in regard to command. (C. in C. China, 0419Z/16 to Admty).

NINGPO. mined 15/6.

M.V. NINGPO while at anchor in examination anchorage Singapore A.M./15 damaged by floating mine which had fouled starboard propellor. No casualties.
(C. in C. China. 0421Z/16 to Admty).

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China.- Contd.

GOUVERNEAU GENERAL PASQUIER (French.

Departure 16/6 GOUVERNEUR GENERAL PASQUIER Singapore.
(Saigon, 0915Z/16).

America and West Indies.

SHEHERAZADE (French).

Your 1944B/14. 8 of SHEHERAZADE crew have already joined de Gaulle and hoped to recruit more. Anticipate therefore that considerable difficulty may arise in obtaining crew to steam ship to North Africa if ship is (?released). Suggest of greatest importance that this valuable ship and cargo should not be allowed to proceed to Casablanca and so come under enemy control.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 00480/16 to Admty).

MALOJA
AUSONIA
ASCANIA.

Intend sailing MALOJA as escort for H.M. 134 and AUSONIA as escort for S.C.35.
Escort for B.H.X. 134 ASCANIA returning to Halifax. Intend both MALOJA and AUSONIA to proceed to Iceland with Air Force Personnel
(R.A. 3 B.S., 1151P/16 to Admty etc).

DUC D'AUMALE (French).

St. Thomas arrival for bunkers 15th DUC D'AUMALE. From New York for Martinique.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica, 1154R/16 to Admty etc).
St. Thomas reports DUC D'AUMALE sailing P.M. today for Martinique.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 2012R/16 to Admty etc).

BISHOPDALE.

Return to Bermuda forthwith.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 12430/16 to Oiler BISHOPDALE.)

Ships from Wabana.

Request you consider possibilities of ships loaded at Wabana joining convoy at N.F. rendezvous.
(D.T.D. 1805B/16 to C.O.A.C. Halifax).

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MADIANA, DUCHASSELEY. (French fishing schooners.)

N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F., 1020Z/10, 2341Z/11. Request (i) your early decision regarding French ship brought in by R.N. for search and also (ii) your recommendations regarding seizure of French fishing ships or other French ships brought in by H.M.C.s for search for submission to Canadian Govt. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1817Z/16 to Admty).

Enemy Intelligence, Copenhagen.

Following from Diplomatic source. Copenhagen 14/6. German Naval Units concentrated in this area including several heavy One(3)?.
(N.A. Washington, 1910/16 to Admty).
N.I.D. Comment.
The only heavy units likely to be in this area are the old Battleships SCHLESIEN & SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

Australia.

Japanese Aircraft, R/C.

My 1109Z/10. Air search carried out from Gavutu and Rabaul proved negative but further air R/C extending northwards to Kapingamarangi now arranged. During the period 13 - 15/6 further report of unknown aircraft received from Lorengau Tabar and Rabaul. Plane sighted at Rabaul was a land plane and was seen by military observer Consider all aircraft sighted to be Japanese and that they have been carrying out A/C from Termuas or other base.
(A.C.N.S. Melbourne, 0840Z/16 to Admty etc).

New Zealand.

Pacific Islands.

Defences in British and French Islands in U.S. area of Pacific Islands south of equator including area in which support of U.S. Pacific Fleet is proposed.
(N.Z.N.B., 1646M/16 to Admty) See Lion Copy.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

Explosion Report. Following received Butt of Lewis (begins) RANGITIKI reports 7½ hours late passing parallel, also that at 0550 G.M.T. an explosion in sea in 059° 09' N. 007° 23' W. Draught at destination 32 feet. T.O.O. 1233B/16 - (ends) (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 1350B/16 to Admty.)

ROBIN MOOR. (torpedoed 21/5.) CITY OF WELLINGTON arrived Capetown with 55 survivors of U.S. Ship ROBIN MOOR rescued on 2/6 in 020° 11' N. 033° 04' W. This completes list of passengers and crew. (S.O.I. Capetown, 1710B/16 to Admty. etc.)

PENDRECHT (torpedoed 8/6.) 12 survivors from PENDRECHT torpedoed and sunk 8/6 in 045° 18' N. 036° 40' W. landed by ALRESFORD. (N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. 1720Z/16.)

Submarines Reported.

2215/15. Your 2206B/15 S/M at 2215 G.M.T./15 in vicinity 042° N. 047° 30' W. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0243Z/16 to Admty.)

0700. U.Boat sighted by fishermen about 0700/16 approx. position 065° 33' N. 024° 47' W. (F.O.I.C. Iceland 1435/16 to Orkneys and Shetlands.)

Estimated U.B. dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1443B/16.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported. - Contd.

1620. Following received. Submarine sighted 045° 13' N. 042° 17' W. at 1620Z/16. (Ends) (R.A. 3. B.S. 1638P/16 to North Atlantic Escort Force.)

3/5. Master BEACON HILL on arrival Halifax reports Panamanian tanker GEORGE G HENRY westbound Teneriffe to Aruba was stopped about 3/5 600 miles W of Teneriffe by U-Boat and examined. Thence proceeded on voyage. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1751Z/16 to Admty.)

U.S. Report. Submarine report 045° 13' N. 042° 17' W. from Nerk. Understand originator is U.S. Warship. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1948Z/16 to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Ship attacked by raider in South Atlantic.

S/M's are to sink at sight French merchant ships in certain areas of Mediterranean.

Home Commands.

German main units are shown by photographic R/C to be located as follows:-
Kiel: TIRPITZ, SCHEER, LUTZOW, HIPPER.
Brest: SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU, PRINZ EUGEN.

British Air Operations.

At 1730 7 Beauforts with Fighter Escort of 25 Spitfires, were despatched to attack 2 enemy destroyers off Cherbourg. These had been previously reported off Calais, Le Touquet and Le Havre by Spitfires on photographic R/C's. One hit (unconfirmed) was claimed on the stern of one destroyer.

Five aircraft of Bomber Command last night attacked the docks at Boulogne and 4 Ostend. Two Swordfish of Coastal Command bombed Dunkirk.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Operations.

S.S. DEEDON (Coaster 314 tons) received minor damage in air attack at 0230 today at Lunnan Bay.

S.S. STOCK FORCE in Convoy F.S. 18 was bombed and set on fire about 2400/17 and entered the Tyne. Damage was slight.

Convoy F.S.17 called for help at 2320 East of Mable Thorpe.

R.F.A. MOORDALE was bombed and machine gunned in Portsmouth Eastern Approach Channel at 1150/17 by 3 enemy fighters. MOORDALE and ARCTIC PIONEER, escorting her, returned the enemy's fire, and 3 British fighters detailed to protect the ships drove off the enemy after the first attack. Neither ship was seriously damaged, but both had slight casualties.

Mining.

Operation B.S. 58.

PLOVER, reported this operation completed at 1042B (minelaying in East Coast Barrier).

M.T.B. Operation. M.T.B. 22 damaged.

3 M.T.B's carried out a minelaying operation off the coast of Belgium last night. Whilst returning this morning M.T.B. 22 was badly damaged by a mine off the Sunk Buoy but reached Harwich under her own power.

Mines were detonated off Hartlepool and amongst a convoy between Whitby and Tees.

/Humber.....

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining-Contd.

Humber. — The Humber was closed at 0228B.

M.G.B. 71 damaged. — M.G.B. 71 was damaged by underwater explosion at 2350/17 and was towed into Grimsby.

Thames Estuary. — A mine exploded at 1907 near the wreck of the AUDACITY (sunk by mine 15/6) off Sheerness. It is thought that the small motor fishing boat DORIS II L.O. 183 was blown up by this explosion.

North Atlantic.

It is reported that work is in progress on the passive defences of Dakar.

South Atlantic.

S.S. TOTTENHAM (U.K. to Table Bay) reported being shelled by a warship raider at 2040Z today in 7° 39' S. 19° 12' W. LONDON and PRETORIA CASTLE have been sent to the area. It is considered most likely that a merchant ship raider is concerned, as no German warship is known to be out. (See Home Commands)

LONDON and EAGLE are to form a hunting group under the orders of C. in C.S.A.

PRETORIA CASTLE intercepted French S.S. DESIRADE at 2125/17 and sent her under armed guard to St. Helena.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean.

French merchant ships, whether escorted or not, are to be sunk at sight by S/M's if encountered in the previous declared zone where enemy ships may be sunk under similar circumstances.

Netherlands S/M O.24 after her first patrol reports that she has sunk a 7,000 ton tanker and a ship of 500 tons.

Malta. Two separate aircraft dropped bombs on Malta last night. No damage or casualties occurred.

Western Desert. The Army have been compelled to withdraw in face of superior forces.

Aegean patrol. TORBAY has returned from Aegean patrol and reports sinking the following:-
(a) By gunfire: 1/6 a German caique with personnel and stores for Mitylene. 3/6 a Caique with oil drums for Mitylene. 12/6 an Italian schooner with troops, ammunition and stores for Lemnos.
(b) By torpedo: 6/6 French tanker ALBERTA. The crew are reported to be pro-British. (See 8/6) 10/6 Italian tanker GUISEPPINA GHIRARDI.
(c) By ramming: 11/6 a caique proceeding to Mitylene.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

The Newfoundland Force now comprises a separate command.

U-Boat Campaign.

Survivors have been picked up from Belgian S.S. MERCIER (Liverpool for Montreal Ex O.B 330) presumed torpedoed about 770 miles East of Halifax before today.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

SEAWOLF. Proceed through 046° 30' N. 008° 00' W. to your patrol position. T.B.R. arranged from 0400B/18. (Capt. (S) 5 1011B/17 to SEAWOLF).

SOKOL. Movements after leaving patrol after dark 19/6. (Capt. (S) 5 1044B/17).
Her orders. T.B.R. arranged covering your route. (Capt. (S) 5 1055B/17 to SOKOL).

VICTORIOUS. Adty. 2250B/14. Route to Clyde.
(C. in C. W.A. 1126B/17 to VICTORIOUS).

A.M.C's. In view of A.M. 2141B/14. It is now impossible for me to comply with A.M. 1946A/3/5. (F.O.C.N.P. 1541B/17).

KUJAWIAK. Orders for sailing from Rosyth to Scapa. (C. in C. Rosyth 1733/17).

PANDORA. Orders for arriving in U.S.A. (C. in C. W.A. 1752Z/17).

RUBIS. Informing them of her movements. (C. in C. W.A. 1852B/17 to LANCE, VENEMOUS).

ST. ALBANS. ST. ALBANS who has joined me with 250 tons oil only was detached at 2200B in 054° 30' N. 011° 22' W. with following orders. To pass through 051° 45' N. 026° 35' W. at 2200B/19 course 214° speed 17 knots reversing course at 2359B/19, if not met, to 34° 19 knots. ST. ALBANS must be detached on 21/6 in 010° W. to proceed to Moville at economical speed. (Capt. (D) 4 2210B/17 to C. in C. W.A. VICTORIOUS).

/CUMBERLAND.....

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Movements-Contd.

CUMBERLAND. Your 1212B/17 and your 1447B/17. Admiralty have directed that CUMBERLAND is to be escorted by WINDSOR and HAMBLEDON... The latter is required to fit S.A. gear at Chatham beforehand. In view of other commitments for HAMBLEDON it is not considered she will be available to escort CUMBERLAND before p.m./26. Suggest therefore that CUMBERLAND should be sailed from Scapa on 27th to arrive Sheerness about 1630/28.
Speed should be reduced to 12 knots on passing 52 Buoy. Request fighter protection may be arranged for daylight passage on 27 and fighter escort from daylight on 28 until arrival and also E.T.A. Flamboro' Head and speed on passage be communicated 24 hours before sailing to allow sweeping arrangements to be made. (C. in C. Nore 2302B/17 to C. in C. H.F).

Operations.

TJALDUR. Faeroes S.S. TJALDUR has been seized. I have engaged as temporary crew survivors from DIANA to take ship to Kirkwall. Propose sailing prize escorted by A/S ship from Faeroes. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes 1100B/17 to A.C.O.S)

S/M for Lerwick. Fully concur. (A.C.O.S. 1741/17 to F.O.S).

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British Air Operations.

Patrols. SENTRY 1 being flown today 1200 to 2000 STAB and BERT will be flown P.M. today weather permitting. (C. in C. Rosyth 1200/17). My 1200/17. STAND also being flown. (C. in C. Rosyth 1700/17).

Enemy Air Operations.

V.4. Two bombs fell astern near Dyck Buoy, but were thought to be jettisoned. (C. in C. Nore 1130B/17).

Thames Estuary. During night of 16th/17th June there was considerable air activity over the estuary between 0030 and 0500. Aircraft at about 3500 feet on a north-westerly course and which subsequently fired correct recognition signals were engaged by our own ships in both Barrow Deep and Boom Areas between 0320 and 0505. At 0500 an aircraft thought to be possibly a Heinkel 111 passed over Boom Area at about 2000 ft. height and was fired at but gave no recognition signal. In the early morning a number of home-coming British bombers were recognised. No signal warning ships of these aircraft was received. (S.O.T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1447/17).

Convoy F.S. Help BOOTY 53° 23' N. 0° 57' E. 148 7. (LUDLOW 2320/17).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Mining.

Humber.	Humber closed to navigation owing to minelaying anticipated opening 1000. (F.O. Humber 0228B/17).
Tees and Hartlepool.	Ports of Tees and Hartlepool closed in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1015/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0449/17). Ports of Tees and Hartlepool open in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1435/17).
Operation off Belgian Coast. M.T.B. 22 damaged.	Arrival M.T.B. 30. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0610B /17 Arrival M.T.B.'s 22 and 32. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0640B/17). Arrival M.G.B's 64, 62, 58. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0648B/17). 0520B/17. About 1½ miles 090° from Sunk buoy. Explosion believed to be due to two or three accoustic mines very close together and exploding almost simultaneously. Boat returned to Harwich under own power but is extensively damaged. No fatal casualties. (BEEHIVE 1102B/17, C. in C. Nore, 1130B/17).
Convoy E.C. 34. Whitby to Tees.	LIDDESDALE reports:- One Ground mine exploded at 0925 between first and second ships starboard column between 19 A Buoy and 19 B Buoy. 0942B/17. Ends. (C. in C. Rosyth 1116/17). L.L. Drifters detonated one red mine in 54° 39' 15" N. 01° 07' 40" W. at 0903/17. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0955/17).
Operation B.S. 58.	Operation B.S. 58 completed. (PLOVER 1042B/17)

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Mining-Contd.

Operation B. S. 59.

Operation B.S. 59 is to be carried out tomorrow night as ordered in my 1742B/13 with following amendments. (C. in C. Nore 1430/17).

Thames Estuary.

Magnetic mine detonated by M.M.S. 39 and M.M.S.1 (?) 123° Nore L.V. 3 cables. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1658/17).

Operation B.S. 64.

Intend to sail from Spurn Point at 0300/19. Laying will begin at 1245. (TEVIOT BANK 2125B/17).

Enemy Intelligence.

Oslo.

My 1811/16. (1821/16 intended) Further intelligence. (N.A. Stockholm 1005/17).

2 destroyers.

2 German Destroyers reported off Calais at 0930/17. Course 246° 25 Knots. (D.D.I.C. 1035B/17 to C.'s in C. Home, V.A. Dover, A.C.O.S. H.Q.C.C).

Brest.

Photographic reconnaissance of Brest at 1030B/17 shows SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU and PRINZ EUGEN present in same positions. (D.D.I.C. 1324B/17).

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Convoy and destroyers.

Following JIM CROW report received from 11th Group. Twenty ships 15 miles North of Le Treport at 1325 in half moon formation in pairs line abreast.
Ten ships in front about 2000 tons each. Behind each tan is a Flak ship. One pair of escorts half mile behind convoy and one pair escorts quarter mile in front of convoy Three miles in front are two destroyers. M.E. 110's in vicinity. Haze over sea. Visibility of 6000 feet 10 miles. Convoy proceeding South. (V.A. Dover 1514B/17).

LUTZOW.
HIPPER.
SCHEER.
TIRPITZ.

At Kiel 1130B/17. (D.D.I.C. 1647B/17, 1852B/17).

Casualties and Defects.

S.S. EXPLORER.

Request you will sail SEAMAN to stand by S/S EXPLORER proceeding slowly to Clyde from Ringdove Rock Tiree where ship grounded at 0130B/17. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0438B/17).
Tug SEAMAN sailed 0900B in accordance with your 0438B/17 Delay in establishing W/T communication with SEAMAN is being investigated. (Capt. D. Londonderry 1001B/17 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).
Request you will investigate and inform me reasons for delay in sailing of SEAMAN in accordance with my 1438B/17. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1012B/17 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).
Your 1012B/17/6. Explanation of delay.
(Capt. D. Londonderry 1750/17 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

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HUTOR. — 14 survivors landed at Reykjavik ex Norwegian HUTOR. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1250/17).

EMILE BAUDOT. — Arrived with boiler trouble. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 2003B/17).

Shipping and Convoys.

W.S.9B. — As NEA HELLAS cannot be ready in time she will not now be included in W.S. 9B. (D.S.T. 0406B/17 to P.S.T.O. W. of Scotland etc.)

Aberdeen Troop Transport. — My 1800B/1, R.A.D's 1957B/16 and C. in C. H.F. 1212/17. It is considered essential that a fast surface escort should be provided for these troop transports. As no escorts are available from Home Fleet or Rosyth request War Office be informed that these troop movements cannot take place until escorts become available. (A.C.O.S., 1211/17 to Admty.).

Escort for Troop Ships. — R.A.D. 1957B/16 and A.C.O.S. 1800B/1/6. This regular commitment cannot be met by H.F. Destroyers of which there are only just sufficient for Capital ships and who are seriously in need of practices and a period at the Base. Only ship soon available is HAMBLEDON who is due to sail for Nore on 19/6 on completion of practices. (C. in C. H.F. 1212B/17 to Admty.).
R.A.D's 1957/16. HAMBLEDON should escort these ships when working up is completed. Delay of two days in arrival at Chatham must be accepted. W.O. state that commitment will be fortnightly from this date. (A.C.N.S. (H) 2354B/17 to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Nore, etc.)

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End to End Escorts.

My 1302/B/15 Cancel para 2 and substitute:-
2. If numbers of running escorts were to become reduced appreciably it would be necessary in the interest of obtaining maximum protection from available escorts between Eastern R/V and Western Departure point (or Halifax, if escort is extended) to arrange for slow OB convoys to join up with faster OB convoys at Eastern R/V.
3. Onward escort for combined convoys could then be provided by Newfoundland escort force as in the case of H.X. and S.C.
4. This junction, which in practice may well prove difficult to achieve, would be effected by routeing the slow convoys outside and the faster one through the Minches. 5. The combined convoy method suffers, however, from the disadvantages of reducing the speed of the faster convoy for the ocean passage to that of the slow, with consequent delays in trade, and further entails the escorts having a shorter period of harbour time with detrimental effects on maintenance and personnel. (C. in C. W.A. 1218B/17 to Admty.).

O.B. Convoys at Eastern R/V.

W.A.C.I's part 132 para 9 insert new clause J. (C. in C.W.A. 1221B/17 to Capts. (D) Londonderry and Greenock).

W.S.9B.

Will be ready to leave U.K. on 28/6. List and sailing ports. Ocean escort GALATEA to Suez, CATHAY to Freetown, an 8-in cruiser to vicinity of Azores, etc. (A.C.N.S(H) 1535B/17 to C. in C. W.A. C. in C. H.F. R.A.(M)) See Lion Copy.
A.M. 1535/17. ANSELM will proceed in W.S.9B as far as Freetown only. Request onward escort for this ship with R.A.F. personnel from Freetown to Takoradi. (D.O.D.(F) 2316B/17 to C. in C.S.A).

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North Atlantic.

CLYDE	Reports of patrol and sinkings on 14/6, etc. (F.O.C.N.A., 1010A/17 to SEVERN) See Lion Copy.
Force H, VICTORIOUS	Position of RENOWN, ARK ROYAL, VICTORIOUS and HESPERUS at 1200B/17, 038° 20' N. 015° 40' W. course and speed as requisite to comply with your 2250B/14 and 1601B/16. HESPERUS completed with fuel a.m./17. (S.O. Force H, 1044B/17 to Admty.)
JACQUES ODETTE (French)	Extract from a Fairmiss telegram from Lisbon. Departure 16/6. Believed for Casablanca. (Lisbon, 1215/17 to M. of W.T.)
Cable Operation	Cable and Wireless require repair to cable in Azores area in 38° 55' N 28° 24' W and 37° 55' N 25° 19' W. In view of A.M./2059B/2 should these repairs be undertaken by MIRROR? One A/S Trawler would accompany as escort and operation B (see my 1220/28/4) would be carried out en route. (F.O.C.N.A. 1226A/17 to Admty.)
S/M's for A/S work.	Your 1006A/12. (Employment of submarines against shadowing U-Boats.) Request you will arrange for this proposal to be adopted for trial on N.A. Station East of 12° W, a strip of T.B.R. being arranged astern of the convoys where our own aircraft are likely to sight the submarine. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1259B/17 to F.O.C.N.A.)
French Ships orders to S/M's.	French Warships are not to be attacked in Western Mediterranean except if sighted in Gulf of Gioja proceeding south through Straits of Messina. Instructions regarding Fr. B.C. DUNKERQUE however, remains in force. French Merchant ships whether escorted or not are to be sunk on sight in free for all areas. (F.O.C.N.A., 1410A/17 to SEVERN).

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SEVERN	My 1910A/16 and your 1121B/17. In order to avoid overlap of patrols intend SEVERN to leave patroloff Palermo p.m./20 and proceed patrol coast of Italy north of 040° N. SEVERN to pass through 038° 30' 013° 30' not later than 0200B/21. SEVERN subsequently patrol coast of Italy and Sardinia complying with my 1910. (F.O.C.N.A. 1610A/17 to V.A. Malta.)
UTMOST SEVERN	UTMOST leaves Malta p.m./17 to patrol off Italian coast between 038° 40' and 039° (?40') from p.m./22nd to p.m./24 proceeding through 038° 00' 011° 17' 038° 12' 011° 50' 038° 44' 014° 48'. Estimated position 2130B/20 038° 15' 012° 08' make good 90 miles per day. Estimated SEVERN arrives patrol off Palermo a.m./19 from west. (F.O.C.N.A. 1635A/17 to SEVERN UTMOST).
NORFOLK	On return to U.K. about the end of June it is intended that NORFOLK should be taken in hand by Middle Dock Co., South Shields, for repairs and to fit R.D/F Type 284. (D.O.D.(H) 1637B/17 to C.S.1, NORFOLK).
9th M.L. Flotilla	Your 1820A/12 and A.M. 1916B/7, latter not to R.A.C.F. Flotilla maintenance staff for 9th M.L. Flotilla similar to that of 3rd M.L. Flotilla will proceed to Gibraltar in Flotilla Escort and spare crew in Flotilla. TIERCEL not returning Gibraltar A.M.1218/5/1 refers. (D.A/S.W. 1729B/17 to F.O.C.N.A.)
PANDORA Force H.	You may encounter PANDORA who will be in estimated position 44° N 24° W. at 0800/18 steering 254° 11 knots on the surface. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1809B/17 to F.O. Force H.)

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MARSDALE — Request you will arrange for MARSDALE to proceed to Gibraltar. As soon as convenient, after fuelling, she should be sailed to patrol area C.1. returning to Gibraltar on completion. Probable that her prize crew now in U.K. will be sent out by the next O.B.V., in which case a R/V in the vicinity of C.1. will be arranged by F.O.C.N.P. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1921B/17 to F.O.C.N.A.)

SCYTHIA CAMERONIA — A.M. 2109B/16. Regret that final escort arrangements to U.K. for SCYTHIA and CAMERONIA have necessistated these ships being delayed. Recent losses in the Mediterranean, and requirements for extra Convoys and Trade protections have made it essential to alter cruiser dispositions. Hope these ships will be escorted to U.K. from Gibraltar after operation "RAILWAY" about 4/7. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1923B/17 to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. S.A.).

S/M. O.24, 2 M.V.'s sunk. — All mark (?4) torpedoes fired broke surface and were sighted and avoided target. 4 mark 4 torpedoes remain for rear tube. All ammunition expended. Consider that further chances of success slight. Have sunk tanker 7000 tons and ships 500 tons. Pending instructions am proceeding to area E. (Netherlands Sub. O.24 2330A/17 to Capt. S.8.)

South Atlantic.

INDIA — Overdue shipping. Norwegian ship INDIA due Lourenco Marques 12/6 from Behrein not arrived. (S.O.(I) Capetown, 0929/17 to C. in C.E.I.).

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BRILLIANT	Departure (? 0600)/17 BRILLIANT to R/V with EAGLE and DUNEDIN. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1013N/17.)
DUNCAN WRESTLER	Your 1436/15. As DUNCAN is now on the way to Gibraltar request WRESTLER may be sailed for Freetown as early as possible. (C. in C. S.A. 1155N/17 to F.O.C.N.A.)
HERMES FRANKFURT (German) PAMPANO (Italian)	HERMES at Rio De Janeiro has obtained clearance papers and possibly may leave without bunkering. FRANKFURT has commenced loading PAMPANO now alongside at Pernambuco. (S.O.(I) Freetown 1130N/17 to Admty.)
HERMES (German)	Rio de Janeiro reports application for clearance was withdrawn by Ship's Agent late last night Monday. (S.O.I. Montevideo 1241Z/17 to R.A.S.A.D., LONDON) My 1241Z/17 N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro reports present position is that HERMES is ready for sea and only requires taking out clearance to enable her to leave and by private arrangement with port authorities this may be concealed until after ship has sailed. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 1822Z/17 to R.A.S.A.D.) Following from N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro I do not think German ship HERMES will sail tonight. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2120Z/17 to R.A.S.A.D.)
LONDON EAGLE	For the present LONDON and EAGLE are to form a hunting group under your orders. Request you will accelerate Boiler cleaning of EAGLE as much as possible. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1534B/17 to C. in C. S.A.)
Fuelling at Sea.	Request you will signal in due course a report on fuelling at sea from R.F.A. BISHOPSDALE. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1540B/17 to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. A.W.I.)

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ERIDAN (French)	My 1045/9 and B.N.A. Washington 1635/12/6. ERIDAN was released before GLOIRE or aircraft appeared. One aircraft appeared while corvettes were leaving the area, aircraft did not approach them. (C. in C. S.A. 1559N/17 to Admty.)
DIDO	C. in C. East Indies 1248Z/15. It is not desirable that DIDO should call at a South American port. Request you will amend route accordingly. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1926B/17 to C. in C. S.A.)
ORDUNA	Fire occurred in No.3 hold of H.M.T. ORDUNA Convoy W.S.8B at sea on ? 6/5. Possible sabotage. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1931N/17 to Admty.)
DUNCAN SCYTHIA	Departure 1730/15 DUNCAN escorting SCYTHIA until 1800/17 and then returning to Freetown. (S.O.I. Freetown 2015N/17 to Admty.)
TOTTENHAM "R" report.	Following has been read. From Freetown (Sierra Leone) Base Ship W/T station. R R R R = 7. 39 S 19. 12 W TOTTENHAM at 2040 G.M.T./17 being shelled now. (Ascension Radio, 2336/17) TOTTENHAM, British, 4762 tons, for Table Bay from U.K. Position approx. 320 miles W. of Ascension. (D.S. 652). S.S. TOTTENHAM RR RR reported in 007° 39' S. 019° 12' W. at 2040Z/17. Proceed towards area. LONDON detach HIGHLANDER to proceed to Freetown. (C. in C. S.A. 2019N/17 to LONDON, PRETORIA CASTLE) My 2019N/17. Action taken with LONDON subject to Admiralty requirements. Is Warship known or likely to be out, or likely that merchant raider has been mistaken for warship. (C. in C. S.A., 2059N/17 to Admty.)

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General.

CAPO ARMA Italian.	Departure 15/6 Braila 17/6. (S.O.I. Istanbul, No. T.O.O./17 to M. of W.T.)
FLORIDA II (Italian)	(Bombed and set on fire by R.A.F. at Sfax on 31/5). Believed to be still afloat on 15/6 and insurers hoping to salve the wreck. (D.S. 651)
TETRARCH	As relief submarine cannot reach Dardanelles until 22/6 you will be required to remain on Patrol until 22nd. (Capt. S.1, 0911C/17 to TETRARCH amended 2145C/17).
Enemy Schooners	3 Schooners 034° 38' 012° 10' 020° 6 knots at 0746B/17. (Cdr. S.1, 1009B/17 to S/M's Malta Force.)
CLYDE	Sinking of enemy ships on 14/6 etc. (See F.O.C.N.A. 1010A/17, Lion Copy).
Benghazi bombed.	Ops. Summary No.372 up to 1200 hrs. 17/6/1941. Night 15/6. 4 Wellington bombed Benghazi harbour starting 2 fires. 5 Wellingtons bombed Derna Satellite Gazala north and south and Martuba landing grounds and Bardia. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1039/17)
French ships orders to S/M's.	Reported 4 French Cruisers may leave Toulon shortly with reinforcements for Syria. These ships are to be sunk at sight if encountered eastward of line Marsala Ras Ashdir or if passing southward through Straits of Messina. French Merchant Ships whether escorted or not are to be sunk at sight if encountered in the previous declared zone where enemy ships may be sunk under similar circumstances. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 1105B/17 to Subs., Malta Force).

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General Contd.

D.10. My present orders received via N.O. Tobruk are to leave Mersa Matruh with VOYAGER 1300/17. Request confirmation. (Capt. D.10 1109C/17 to R.A. Alexandria).

JANUS Request you will arrange for transit of canal for JANUS. Repairs will be completed outside Mediterranean. N.O.i/c Port Said pass to JANUS. (C. in C. Med., 1112C/17 to S.B.N.O. Suez Canal).

UPRIGHT salvage of PERSEO Reported crew may shortly be boarding PERSEO in position 3 miles East of No. 0 Buoy Kerkenak to effect salvage. Consider one visit to locality might be fruitful. R.A.F. may also attack. (Cdr. S.1., 1120B/17 to UPRIGHT.)

UTMOST Will leave Malta P.M./17 to operate off Italian coast between 038° 40' and 039° 40' between P.M./22 and P.M./24 proceeding through (route). Estimate her position at 2130B/20 and 25 will be 038° 15' 012° 08' and 038° 54' 015° 13' respectively making 90 miles per day. Request any relevant information from CLYDE's experience may be signalled direct to UTMOST and that SEVERN may be warned accordingly. (V.A. Malta, 1121B/17 to F.O.C.N.A.)

CACHALOT Proceed through 035° 20' 014° 14' and 035° 30' 014° 14' to arrive off Grand Harbour at 0630B/19. (Cdr. S.1., 1129B/17 to CACHALOT).

Rumanian oil for France. Following from Navy Dept. from U.S.Ambassador Vichy dated 13/6. Graded B.1. (1) Official Roumanian source in Vichy confirms that CAPITAINE DAMIANI and ALBERTA were sent to

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General.

Rumanian oil for France Contd.	Constanza in order to test the possibility of supplying France with some of Roumania's oil which she has contracted for. Quantity tentatively agreed at 15,000 to 20,000 tons per mensem this to be petrol. (2) Dated 14/6. A Foreign Office official states that due to torpedoing of CAPITAINE DAMIANI the scheme to ship petroleum products from Black Sea to France may be abandoned. (N.A. Washington 1241/17).
Electrical Plant, Malta.	My 1844/12/3 and 0930B/5/3. Owing to extensive nature of damage it is proposed to abandon No.1. Generating Station and concentrate all plant in underground Station. Request approval for this in principle. (A.S. Malta, 1638B/17 to Admty.)
Malta Raid.	C.S.R. Malta up to 1600 hrs. 17/6. Night 16/17 0045 hrs. 2 separate aircraft dropped bombs causing no damage or casualties. Night 16/17, 8 Swordfish 830 Squadron F.A.A. despatched to attack shipping in Lampedusa Harbour. All turned back due to 10/10 clouds at 800 feet. (H.Q., R.A.F. Malta, 1700/17).
830 Sqdn.	C. in C. Med's 2048/14. After personnel referred to in S.O. Aircraft Carriers Med.'s 0935 of 31/5 have arrived Sqdn. will have 14 pilots, 13 observers and 13 air gunners. Intend to retain 11 complete crews sending 3 pilots, 2 observers and 2 air gunners to Alexandria or U.K. in accordance with my 1157B/29/5. Therefore one completely fresh crew will be required to bring the Sqdn. up to full complement, (State of aircraft). (V.A. Malta 2002B/17 to Admty.)
Roumanian tanker CAMPINA	Entered Bosphorus 1330 G.M.T./17 in transit for Aegean with 3650 tons benzine. (Capt. S.1., 2145C/17 to TETRARCH).

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LISBOA German.	Arrived 16/6. (Valencia, T.H.I.2215/17 to M. of W.T.)
MAYA Italian.	Length 345 feet, fully laden, believed for Syria, passed Istanbul 15000/17 speed 7 knots. Dark grey hull large grey funnels aft, 2 mast. (Capt. S.1., 23560/17 to TETRARCH).

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

Mines. A stretch of the Syrian Coast 33•32 N, to 34•47 N. is dangerous due to enemy mines. (D.W. 651)

COVENTRY C. In C. Med.'s 1108C/16. Intend to sail 2030/18 to arrive Haifa 0530/19. (COVENTRY 0946C/17 to C.S.15).
Your 1052C/16. Proceed on completion to Haifa to relieve PHOEBE. N.O.I.C. Port Said pass to COVENTRY. (C. in C. Med., 1101C/17 to COVENTRY).

Floating Objects. A row of objects have been observed which look like barrels. Are floating close in-shore. (Callsign M.I.J.1. 2030/17 to C.S.15).

Gunboat. Reference 1815 (N.T. in W.D.) from Call sign (MIJ1), this is gunboat steering north and shelling, position not reported. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 2135/17 to PHOEBE).
My 2130? enemy has retired W.N.W. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 2217/17 to S.N.O.A. Malta).

Situation Report 59. Syria. Large number of rafts boats wreckage and oil found at 1900/16 in approx. position of attack on CHEVALIER PAUL. One Swordfish failed to return and rubber dinghy was found in same position. Consider CHEVALIER PAUL was sunk by 815 Sqdn.
2. Vichy Troops have recaptured Quneitra but our troops are across the roads Quneitra Damascus and Quneitra Merdjayoun.
3. My 2358/16, para 4. Only casualties in ILEX and ISIS were one cut head and one broken leg.
5. ABDIEL has left Alexandria with F A W torpedoes and other urgent stores due Famagusta tonight 17/18.

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Syria.

Situation Report 59 Contd.

6. Western Desert. Army have been compelled to withdraw in face of superior enemy forces.
7. Submarines. TORBAY returned home from Aegean Patrol and reports following sinkings.
(A) By gunfire 1/6 German caique with personnel and stores for Mitylene. 3/6 caique with oil drums for Mitylene. 12/6 Italian Schooner with troops ammunition and stores for Lemnos.
(B) By torpedo 6/6 French tanker ALBERTA. See my 2321/9. 10/6, Italian tanker GUISEPPINA GHARIARDI, see my 2346/14.
(C) By ramming 11/6 caique proceeding to Mitylene.
8. ALBERTA grounded and was attacked again by TORBAY and set on fire when being towed away. She was then abandoned. Crew are reported Pro British and uncertain about cause of sinking. N.A. Ankara requests no mention be made of circumstances.
(C. in C. Med., 2309C/17 to Admty.)
(Note: Para 4 has been called for).

East Indies.

Raider Report 21/5.

Greek ELIAS G. KULUKUNDIS under Swiss flag and charter arrived Madras in ballast from Lisbon last port of call Las Palmas reports. In position 22° 30' S. 7° 07' E. at 1930/21/5 stopped and boarded by German raider. Boarding officer examined papers of crew and holds and ordered him to proceed. Raider approached from astern. Raider appeared to be cargo boat about 6000 tons. Maierform bow cruiser stern. Other details not distinguishable owing to bad light but upper works believed light brown similar to some British ships. (C. in C. E.I. 0120Z/17 to Admty. etc.)

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SONTAY — N.O.I.C. Massawa's 0742/14 reports that SONTAY requires four to six weeks for extensive engine repairs. Desired that these repairs be carried out in S. Africa concurrently with fitting as Troop Transport. Request confirmation that vessel will be able to proceed to S. Africa and anticipated date of sailing and arrival Simonstown. (D.S.T. 0314B/17 to P.S.T.O. Egypt).

CARSO Italian — N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1720/19. N.T. in W.R. See Admty. 2238B/10. VAN DELDEN is now attempting to bring (?CARSO) to Kilindini). (N.O.I.C. E.Africa, 0643Z/17 to Admty.)

W.S.9A. — Request information whether Ocean Escort for W.S.9A. to Durban will continue with Convoy to Aden. (C. in C. E.I. 0744Z/17 to Aden).

EMPRESS OF JAPAN — Your 1014/10. Presume EMPRESS OF JAPAN is intended to return to U.K. from India. Request if practicable she return via Colombo, bringing from Bombay the 267 service passengers ex DURBAN CASTLE, and lift at Colombo approx. 100 naval personnel (including myself) who will then be awaiting passage to U.K. (C. in C. E.I. 0840Z/17 to Admty.) Reply: 1830/18.

GLENEARN towage. — Your 1141C/9. In view of Cmdre. R.I.N. 1135/13 and S.N.O. Red Sea 0924/16. I do not consider towage GLENEARN to Bombay should be attempted under present conditions. Suggest ship be towed to Aden to wait weakening of monsoon provided S.N.O. Red Sea arrange suitable berth.
(C. in C. E.I. 1642Z/17 to C. in C. Med.)

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African Troops, escort. 4300 West African troops will shortly require escort when returning from East Africa to West Africa. Date of release from service in East Africa is uncertain but they may be ready in time to return in ships of W.S.8A. or later. In that event you will be advised of priority as between West African troops and the prisoners of war at present earmarked for the W.S.8A. ships. P.S.T.O. Egypt's 1715/14 and 1205/15. (D.O.D.(F) 2031B/17 to C. in C. E.I.)

SONTAY Your 1220/15 re repairs.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt 2105/17 to S.T.O. Massawa.)

China.

French ships. No cargo 1035 Sunda Strait - passed 15/6 CHENONCEAU, Saigon to Madagascar, DUPLIEX, Marseilles to Saigon, French and native troops, 25 private passengers. Dutch report nothing suspicious. (C.S. Singapore, 0509Z/17 to Admty.)
Departure D'ARTAGNAN - Saigon.
(Shanghai 2356Z/17.)

DAUNTLESS EMERALD My 0331Z/16 DAUNTLESS and EMERALD arrived Singapore. First examination afloat shows following damage. (C. in C. China, 0857Z/17 to Admty.)

America and West Indies.

St. John's N.F. Base Your 1041P/15. We will certainly do what we can. (1st S.L. 0106B/17 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

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RESOLUTION	Armuk 387 16/6. The earliest possible tentative date of completion of RESOLUTION for essential defects and damage repair is (date) although this date may require extension. (Details). (B.A.R.M. 0524/17 to Admty.)
FORMIDABLE	Armuk 362 16/6. Your Ukarm 446. FORMIDABLE can be accepted for refit on East Coast. Navy Dept. requires to know approx. time required in dock and more details of damage repairs before Yard can be decided on. (Ends) (1438/13) (B.A.R.M. Washington, 0525/17 to Admty.)
DESPATCH	To leave Bermuda 19/6 and establish patrol within 150 miles of 025° N. 040° W. Object is to intercept enemy raiders or supply ships. Leave patrol so as to arrive Bermuda 30/6. (C. in C. A.W.I. 09520/17 to Cdre. West Indies.)
ST. CLAIR H.X.133 CHAMBLY	My 1738Z/15. Owing to damage to propeller ST. CLAIR will not now be available H.X.133. CHAMBLY will be sailed approx. two days late to overtake and join (?escort). (C.C.N.F. 1237Z/17 to C. in C.W.A.). See 2019/17.
Rumanian oil for France.	N.A. Washington 1241/17 see Mediterranean.
S.S.EVERLEIGH SCOTTISH TRADER	HX.133 my 1826Z/16. EVERLEIGH D.G. not safe under 23 fathoms. SCOTTISH TRADER D.G. defective. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1244Z/17).
Dakar Casablanca	(1) Following from Navy Dept. from Dakar dated 13/6. Graded A - O Sailed; CHELMA and BENTE for South. 14/6 a submarine net has been placed across entrance to the inner harbour.

/A ship.....

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Dakar
Casablanca
Contd. A ship recently arrived from Casablanca brought ten light and ten medium tanks. From Casablanca dated 15/6. Graded B - O A convoy of four ships including SOUVILLE, LIEUTENANT DELATOUR and DAHOMEY sailed apparently for Oran and Marseilles. Three more ships have steam up but have not yet sailed. Stated to be carrying Cocoa fibre, Copra, Cocoanut Oil and other tropical raw materials. (N.A. Washington, 1245/17 to Admty.)

Air R/C Admty. 2208B/13. Following are details of aircraft available this command for R/C and patrol duty. (C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1337Z/17 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

Newfoundland Force. My 2155Z/6. Newfoundland Force to comprise a separate command, is in effect forthwith. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1600Z/17 to Admty. etc.)

PRINCE DAVID C. in C. PRINCE DAVID wearing flag of C. in C. A. and W.I. sailed 1600P/17 E.T.A. Bermuda 1300Q/19. (Route). R.A. 3 B.S. 1619P/17 to N.O.I.C. Bermuda).

SOVAC "R" report 4/6. Philadelphia report (begins). Warship sighted at 1130/4 in 53° N. 31° W. by Master of British Ship SOVAC. Raider signal sent by W/T. British Destroyer markings 1-49 stopped and boarded ship. Apparently correct challenge procedure etc. carried out. Subsequently signal cancelled (ends). (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1641Z/17 to Admty.) Position amended later see 1541/18.

LIVERPOOL Armuk 388 17/6. Am informed destination of LIVERPOOL was freely discussed by Officers and Men at Manila. Request all ships proceeding to U.S.A. may be warned. (Ends) 1751/16. (B.A.R.M. 1855/17 to Admty.)

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My 1237Z/17.

ST. CLAIR Collision

ST. CLAIR in collision with S.S. CLAM. Can steam 14 knots on one shaft. Intend to sail ST. CLAIR as escort to damaged Tanker ENSIS to Halifax approx. 20/6. Request information of docking facilities immediately available. No apparent damage to S.S.CLAM. (C.C. Newfoundland, 2019Z/17 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

French Shipping

Para 1 of my 1153/5 (?1753B/5).
Vessels engaged in inter-island trade in the West Indies should also, if encountered, be allowed to proceed. Selected vessels may occasionally be permitted to trade between the islands and South and Central American ports with approved cargoes. The names and dates of sailing of such selected vessels will be specially notified to you. (Head of M. 2337B/17 to C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C. S.A.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

HAVTOR (torpedoed 11/6) — Norwegian HAVTOR 1524 on charter to M. of S. torpedoed by submarine at 1845Z/11 in approx. 063° 35' N. 028° 05' W. Ship sunk by gunfire at 2305. Master states all C.Bs. dumped in weighted bags and seen to sink. My 1223/17 to Admty. only is list of six killed. 1221/17.

ENSIS (torpedoed 8/6). — Has arrived safely at St. John's N.F., in spite of considerable damage. No.casualties. (D.W. 651).

MERCIER — Following intercepted from KEMI at 1555Z/17 addressed to Cape Race. (Begins) Have rescued 4 passengers and 22 crew name of MERCIER in position 043° 35' N. 047° 50' W. Other lifeboat still missing, number of men missing 42 (ends). Serial R/C has been asked for. (C.C. N. Force, 1706Z/17 to C. in C. W.A.).
MERCIER, Belgium, 7886 tons, from Liverpool for Montreal with general cargo, had been in O.B.330. Presumably torpedoed about 770 miles E. of Halifax before 1200/17. (D.S. 652.)
Following from KEMI 1555 G.M.T. addressed Cape Race (quotes). Am broadcasting notice to all ships to keep sharp look-out for missing life-boats approx. above position Officer in Charge Cape Race. (C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1802Z/17 to Admty. etc.)
U.S. Navy Dept. has ordered C.G. cutters now within 200 miles of 043° 35' N. 047° 50' W. to proceed to search for survivors MERCIER. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2042Z/17 to Admty.)

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Submarines Reported.

1730/16. Following received from Washington. Task Force reports U/B in 45° 13' N. 42° 17' W. Course 215°, 15 knots at 1730/16 G.M.T. (Ends). (ALUSNA, 0155/17 to Admty.) A.F. Message (D.D.I.C. 0035/17).

1653(?) Submarine sighted 42·00 N, 63·05 W. (N.O.I.C. Halifax, 1653Z/17 to C. in C. W.A.)

1650 Following received from Opnav also being sent C.N.S. Ottawa. At 1650 G.M.T./17 destroyer OVERTON SOUND contacted unidentified submarine 42° N. 63·05 W. lost contact 1742 G.M.T. heard unmistakable submarine echo and propeller noises. (ALUSNA, 2030/17 to Admty.)

1727? C.O.A.C. Halifax 1727Z/17 U.S. Ships made report and Navy Dept. states from their report they assumed a sound contact. Later reports state lost contact. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2039Z/17 to Admty.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

Norwegian patrols.

The Norwegian patrols by Coastal Command are to be modified.

Objectives at Boulogne and Rotterdam were amongst the primary targets of Bomber Command last night.

Minor attacks by aircraft of Coastal Command were made last night on the docks of Ostend and Cherbourg.

Four Blenheims of Coastal Command were despatched last night to attack 2 enemy destroyers reported off Jersey. The enemy were not located, but some merchant ships were attacked; results were not seen.
A Beaufort on special patrol in the Bay of Biscay today attacked and probably hit with 2 bombs below the water line a merchant vessel 55 miles S.W. of Ushant.

Enemy Air Operations.

KUJAWIAK (Polish destroyer) on passage from Rosyth to Scapa to work up was machine gunned by A/C at 1134 today and suffered casualties and slight damage.

S.S. HARLAW sailing independently received very slight damage from attack at 0030 in 56° 58½' N. 1° 55' W.

S.S. JIM, proceeding to join Convoy F.S.18 was bombed and slightly damaged off the Tyne in the early hours of this morning.

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Mining.

3 Beauforts of Coastal Command laid mines off Brest last night and 4 Hampdens of Bomber Command laid mines off the Frisian Islands.

Shipping and Convoys.

The extension of the U.boat danger zone to cover the whole Atlantic necessitates a change in policy with regard to certain convoy escorts. (See Admty.1251B/18.)

Outward bound ships of under 15 knots are to be sailed in convoy and not independently.

North Atlantic.

It is reported from South Africa that the German Intelligence Service is sending agents to Africa in considerable numbers. Sailings take place from Portugal.

South Atlantic.

DESIRADE, intercepted yesterday by PRETORIA CASTLE, is proceeding to Walvis Bay at 7 knots with engines damaged by sabotage.

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Mediterranean.

S/M O.24, working from Gibraltar, reports having sunk one 7000 ton tanker and one 500 ton ship in the Gulf of Genoa area.

River class S/M's are considered structurally unsuitable for ferry service to Malta, the passage of which necessitates diving under the deep mine field, CLYDE has twice sustained slight crushing.

Two Wellesly aircraft dive bombed Beirut harbour (apparently last night) hitting the mole. No French destroyers were seen.

Alexandria. A few aircraft attacked Alexandria early this morning. No appreciable damage was caused, and none to ships or to the port, which is open.

Western Desert. Operation "Battleaxe" has been cancelled. Tobruk continues to be supplied by destroyers unloading at night.

Palestine and Syria. A torpedo aircraft has been ordered to carry out a dusk attack on 2 Vichy destroyers reported this afternoon off the Syrian coast probably proceeding to Beirut. The destroyers, however, returned to Beirut half an hour after being reported.

French aircraft are reaching Syria daily from Tunis and from Marseilles.

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U-Boat Campaign.

N.W. Approaches. — S.S. NORFOLK was torpedoed at 0154 in 57° 17' N. 11° 14' W.

North Atlantic. — Capt. (D) 8 (FAULKNOR) sank a German U-boat at 1113B/18 in 56° 0' N. 8° 0' W. Several survivors were picked up.

It is reported that S.S. PHIDIAS was sunk by gunfire by submarines on 8/6 in 48° 25' N. 26° 12' W.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

HERMIONE. — Your 2352B/16. HERMIONE can R/V 0700B/22. (C. in C.H.F. 2327B/18 to Adty. etc.)

Operations.

S/M at Lerwick. — My 1741B/17. No bulk supplies of Diesel Fuel are held in Shetlands. (A.C.O.S. 1023B/18 to F.O.S.)
A.C.O.S. 1741/17 and F.O.S. 1221B/16. Your first commitment is A.S. training at Scapa. When this has been met one submarine is to be kept at Lerwick when available.
(F.O.S. 1152B/18 to Capt.(S) 9)

Denmark Straits Patrol. — MANCHESTER is to relieve SUFFOLK on patrol a.m./24. (C.S.18 1830B/18 to SUFFOLK, MANCHESTER.)

British Air Operations.

Patrols. — STAND being flown a.m. today. (C. in C. Rosyth 0300/18.)
SLEEVE now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1726/18.)

Norwegian Patrols. — Patrols detailed in CC/G2/3/6 (See below) are putting too great a strain on resources of 18 group. Propose if you agree to cancel them and substitute following while conditions are normal. Should circumstances necessitate, former patrols can be reinstated immediately. P.R.U. to cover coast Bergen to Kristiansand South once per day when possible. If not covered by P.R.U. stand incorporating modified SLEEVE to be flown at last, and BERT at first, light. C. in C. H.F. has not been consulted. (H.Q.C.C. 1015/18 to Admty.)

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Norwegian Patrols - Contd.

CC/G2/3/6/41. Following patrols to be flown until further notice:-
A. "Stand" at dawn and dusk subject to cloud sover.
B. Modified "Sleeve" at dusk from 58 00 N. 06 30 E. to 57 00 N. 05 00 E. if visibility conditions preclude proper "Sleeve". This patrol in lieu of "Hornli".
C. P.R.U. Sorties from Stavanger to Trondheim. If unsuitable for P.R.U. Aircraft to be flown by G.R. Aircraft with cloud cover. Patrols at dawn and dusk to cover outer Fiords and locality of towns.
(H.Q.C.C. 2330/3)
A.M. 1237B/3. Paras. 2 and 3. Norwegian Patrols and Reconnaissance. In order to conserve aircraft propose, subject to your concurrence, to modify the present patrols as follows:-
Cancel present instructions for P.R.U. STAND and modified SLEEVE, and substitute (as H.Q.C.C. 1015/18.)
2. The more extensive programme will be reinstituted immediately it appears to be necessary. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1805B/18 to C. in C.H.F.)

A/S Sweeps.

A/S Sweep at 1000 by 3 Whitleys centre track 273° from Cape Wrath to depth 300 miles. (C. in C. Rosyth 0730/18.)
The following A/S Sweep to cover O.B.336 and CANADIAN STAR will be flown tomorrow. (C. in C. Rosyth 2044/18.)

Bomber Command Operations.

Night 17/18 June. 6 Wellingtons attacked Boulogne docks and harbour installations. Of 8 aircraft detailed, 7 Wellingtons bombed dock area at Rotterdam. (H.Q.B.C., T.H.I. 1631.)

Protection of "Future".

Summary of air protection arranged for Code Word FUTURE 19/6. (A.C.O.S. 2151B/18.)

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Enemy Air Operations.

S.S.JIM. — S.S. JIM bombed abeam T.2 bucy at 0000. Slight damage to ship, one man slightly injured. Vessel has returned to Tyne. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0210/18.)

S.S. STOCK FORCE. — Bombed and on fire at 2400/17. Ship now entered Tyne. Fire out, damage not serious, no casualties. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0330/18.)

S.S. DEEDON. — Report of air attack. 1. 0230/17, 3. 314 Tons, 4. Coaster, 5. Independent, 6. Minor damage, 7. Lunnan Bay, 8. No distress signals made armament not fired. (N.C.S.O. Sunderland 1555/18.)

KUJAWIAK. — On passage Rosyth to Scapa to work up, was undoubtedly attacked by A/C with M/G fire between 22 and 23 buoys as 1154/18. 1 K. 2 slightly and 2 V.slightly W. Ship proceeded Dundee. At least 15 M.G. bullet holes found although reported that A/C was not seen or heard. Slight damage (details) (C. in C. Rosyth 1750/18.)

S.S.HARLAW. — N.C.S.O. Methil reports HARLAW on passage independently from Aberdeen to Methil attacked by single A/C at 0030/18/6 in 56° 58½' N. 01° 53' W. 4 bombs no hits, very slight damage, no casualties. (C. in C. Rosyth 1611/18.)

Mining.

Tees and Hartlepool. — Ports closed in accordance with my 1103/14 and 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0456/18.) Ports open in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1201/18)

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Operation B.S. 59.	Initial position (PLOVER 0630B/18) Your 1403/17. COTSWOLD detailed. (D. 16. 1028/18 to C. in C. Nore.)
D.S. 6.	CHARLESTON and ST. MARYS detailed for D.S. 6. (R.A.M. 0944/18)
M.G. 71.	M.G.B. 71 damaged by underwater explosion at 2350/17. Apparently to the southward of Q.Z.S. 247. M.G.B. 69 towed M.G.B. 71 into Grimsby. (F.O. Humber 1011/18)
Thames Estuary DORIS II	At 1907/17 a mine was observed to explode approx. 3 cables S.E. of Outer Bar Bell Buoy, Sheerness, close to wreck of AUDACITY sunk by mine on 15/6, wreckage of fishing gear found. It is now thought that small motor fishing boat DORIS II L.O. 183 was blown up by this explosion (C. in C. Nore. 1547B/18)
Unknown type of Mines.	Cut today. Details. (M.S. 9 2137/18)
Liverpool	Port of Liverpool including Q.Z.S. 211 open at 0600B/19. Attention is called to 811 A (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2302B/18)

Enemy Intelligence.

Brest	R/C 0800B/18 shows both battle cruisers and PRINZ EUGEN present in same positions. (D.D.I.C. 0933B/18 P.R.U. St. Eval 1045/18)
German Main Units.	Stockholm 1017/18 D.D.I.C. 1329B/18. See Lion Copy.

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Casualties and Defects.

S.S.EXPLORER. Arrived Clyde with SEAMAN. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0130B/18.)

S.S. CITY OF AUCKLAND. O.B.335. CITY OF AUCKLAND returned to port. Bow damage having collided with SKARAAS, latter evidently proceeded on. (N.C.S.O. Mersey 1644B/18.)

Shipping and Convoys.

T.C.11. C.O.A.C. Halifax 1653/17. Request that if possible destroyers may be made available to escort T.C. 11 on western leg of the voyage. (V.C.N.S. 0153B/18 to C. in C.W.A.) Your 0153B/18. Escort of 3 destroyers can be provided from Halifax to position A. subject to their being fit for service, and orders to implement this have been given but it will entail sailing one homeward bound convoy without destroyer escort between Canada and Iceland. C.O.A.C. Halifax has been asked to supply 2 additional destroyers for T.C.11. Failing this 2 further destroyers from Newfoundland Force can probably be made available but this will depend on escort arrangements made by C.C.N.F. whose reply I await. (C. in C.W.A. 1555B/18 to Admty.)

HAVELOCK, HARVESTER, ASSINIBOINE. (T.C.11.) Leave convoys forthwith and proceed to Halifax whence you will be required for escort 21/6. Fuel St. Johns if necessary. (C. in C.W.A. 1541B/18.)
Admty. 1854/7. HAVELOCK, HARVESTER, ASSINIBOINE have been ordered to Halifax to escort T.C.11 to position A. Request whether you can supply 2 additional destroyers. Failing this I will endeavour to provide 2 more destroyers from Newfoundland Force. (C. in C.W.A.1558B/18 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.)
Your 1558B/18. SKEENA and ST. LAURENT and possibly BUXTON available. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 2006Z/18 to C. in C.W.A.)

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Troop Transport, Aberdeen.	Admty. 2354B/17. HAMBLEDON will be available to leave Scapa for this duty after 1400/19. (R.A.D. 0950/18 to A.C.O.S.)
Capital Ship Escorts.	With North Atlantic convoys. Policy. (V.C.N.S. 1251B/18) See Lion Copy.
H.X.129.	Congratulations on bringing safely to U.K. all ships of your convoy H.X.129. (C. in C.W.A. 1019B/18 to Commodore R.P. Galer R.N.R.)
Ships under 15 knots.	Outward bound ships of under 15 knots are to be sailed in convoy and not independently. (D.T.D. 1545B/18 to N.C.S.O's Home.)
Halifax A.M.C.'s.	Following withdrawal of A.M.C's from Denmark Strait patrol intend that for the present A.M.C's of Halifax Escort Force should be employed as follows:- 2. B.H.X. and H.X. or S.C. convoys will continue to be escorted by A.M.C's as far as the point of junction, the A.M.C's then returning to their bases as ordered by -B.S.3 except where conditions in para.3 apply. 3. Those A.M.C's carrying personnel for passage to U.K. via Iceland will for the present continue to act as ocean escorts to H.X. convoys being routed in to Iceland by C. in C.W.A. in accordance with a.m. 2141B/14/6. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1839B/18 to B.S.3 etc.)
INDRAPOERA. U.S.personnel.	New York reports first contingent of 400 U.S. Key men and technicians refused to embark in INDRAPOERA as accommodation and feeding arrangements were considered unsuitable. 2. Cabin accommodation and service of meals and usual second class amenities considered essential. 3. British ship must be used. 4. In view of extreme urgency of bringing these men to U.K.reques you provide for them in one of the ships of T.C.11 on lines of para.2. (D. of S.T. 2315B/18 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa) Reply.0415/19)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

General.

My 1733B/11.

Raiders TOTTENHAM shelled in 07° 39' S. 19° 12' W. at 2040 G.M.T./17. Raider may be No.16 which sank ZAMZAM 17/4 and may also have attacked Swedish ships TROLLSHOLM due Capetown 17/4, and SIR ERNEST CASSEL due Capetown 17/5 whose crews are now interned in Germany. No.16 may also have been the raider which stopped the MASTER E. KULUKUNDIS in 22° 30' S. 7° 07' E. on 21/5. As she has been at sea for 440 days she may be returning home.
No news of No.46 still thought to be at sea.
No.21 which returned to Brest at end of 1940 is believed to be PARANAGUA of Hamburg South American Line.
(D.D.I.C. 1649B/18 to C. in C. H.F., etc. etc.)

North Atlantic.

Force H, VICTORIOUS Latest intelligence of U-boats indicates that safest course for you is to pass through 45° N. 18° W. thence towards 51° N. 20° W. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange amended R/V for A/S escort. (A.C.N.S.(H) 0030B/18 to F.O. Force H, VICTORIOUS, C. in C. W.A.)

Straits of Gibraltar. There is urgent need for some means of attacking enemy warships attempting passage in Strait during absence of Force H observing that submarines may not always be available. (2) Suggest possibility of fitting two in number 18 inch D.C. tubes in Fairmile motor launches be considered. If approved request equipment be sent for fitting seven boats locally. (3) Suggest also one of the other Flotillas of M.Ls. earmarked for Gibraltar be fitted with tubes before sailing.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1048A/18).

/French.....

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French Cargoes — My 2231A/14. Confirmed that a large quantity of cotton was loaded at Dakar. This was not discharged at Casablanca. (S.O.I. Gib., 1104/18).

WISHART — Will be sailed to R/V with homeward bound (group omitted) as extra escort to Gibraltar. (Route). (F.O.C.N.A. 1116A/18 to DUNCAN amended 1946A/18)

U/B Sunk — By D.8. (F.O.C.N.A. 1122A/18 etc.) See U-Boat Campaign.

0.24 enemy ships sunk — S/M. 0.24 reports having sunk one 7000 ton Tanker and one 500 ton ship in Gulf of Genoa area. (F.O.C.N.A. 1136A/18 to Admty.)

Enemy shipping — Following are known dispositions Italian, MAURO CROCE and DERNA at Genoa. German (? ATLAS) SULLBERG and LISBOA at Valencia; OTTO LEONHARDT and TIRPITZ at Cartagena. My 1330/11 Para. 2 Portuguese VILLA FRANCA 2045 tons and Spanish URIBITARTE 3456 tons left Gibraltar for Genoa 16/6. (F.O.C.N.A. 1308A/18 to 0.24.)

CLYDE defects. Petrol transport. — CLYDE again experienced crushing of stern at 250 feet during patrol. Consider (? divers) unsuitable for continued ferry service to Malta as passage necessitates diving under deep minefield.
Request information re transport of petrol. (A) should OSIRIS be used (B) should OTUS be used. (C) If requirements are urgent should CLYDE be used after patrol stand off? (S.S. 1325A/18 to F.O.S.)

/BERGAMOT.....

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North Atlantic. Contd.

BERGAMOT	C. in C. S.A.'s 2305N/15. From Ponta Delgada proceed to Freetown through 020° 00' N. 020° 30' W. 008° 30' N. 016° 30' W. (F.O.C.N.A. 1624A/18 to BERGAMOT)
German A/C unknown cruiser.	June 17, 2000 at Caminha sighted a German aircraft coming from E. going N. At 1000 off Cape Santa Maria an unknown cruiser course E. 10 knots. (N.A. Lisbon, 1800/18 to Admty.)
COREOPSIS, FLEUR DE LYS	Well done. If still with S.L.76 leave at daylight 19th and return to Gibraltar. (C. in C. W.A. 2241B/18 to COREOPSIS, FLEUR DE LYS.)

South Atlantic.

SIR ERNEST CASSEL	Swedish, 7739 tons. Agents in Great Britain have received a cable from owners stating that crew is interned in Germany. Ship had been overdue at Capetown from Clyde since 17/5. Presumably sunk by enemy action. (D.S. 652, 18/6).
DESIRADE (French) intercepted?	Place armed guard on board, navigating party if necessary and send into Simonstown. (C. in C. S.A. 0041N/18 to PRETORIA CASTLE) Only prize officer boarded DESIRADE. Armed guard were stopped. Have withdrawn officer. Proceeding north speed 9 knots with Frenchman. Intend taking further action at dawn. (PRETORIA CASTLE, 0046Z/18 to C. in C. S.A.)
S.S.TOTTENHAM Raider Report, LONDON.	Your 2059N/17. Concur with diverting LONDON. Most likely to be Merchant ship raider. No warship known to be out. (A.C.N.S.(F) 0200B/18 to C. in C. S.A.)

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ASTURIAS — My 2233/22 ASTURIAS has been delayed and will probably not arrive until about 7/7. (C. in C. S.A. 0445N/18 to B.A.R.M.)

Enemy Unit. — D/F bearings at 2357Z/17 indicate surface unit within 150 miles of 010° S. 001° W. reliability 55%. (C. in C. S.A. 1023N/18 to NEPTUNE)
D.F. bearings of enemy surface unit on 17/6. Movements of LONDON, CITY OF DURBAN, QUEEN OF BERMUDA, PRETORIA CASTLE. (C. in C. S.A. 1313N/18 to S.A. Station) See Lion Copy.
Your 1359N/18 (incorporated in 1313N/18.)
Transmissions at 2118/17 and 2136/17 were from same unit. Position thought to be in vicinity of 7.39 S. 19.12 W. Admiralty has no information of transmission at 2359/17. Request bearings and traffic. (D.D.I.C. 2100B/18 to C. in C. S.A.)
Your 1313N/18 my 1232Z/18 ALCANTARA will be sent to J on arrival. (R.A.S.A.D. 2116Z/18 to C. in C. S.A.)
My 1313N/18. Cancel P.
(C. in C. S.A. 2212N/18 to S.A. Station).

INDIA — My 0929/17. Arrived.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1530/18 to Admty.)

COMMANDANT DUBOC. — P.S. Required to return to U.K. on completion of present refit at Durban. C. in C. S.A. is requested to sail her accordingly.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1325B/18 to C. in C. E.I., C. in C. S.A.)

ALCANTARA NEWCASTLE — Inview of Raider report ALCANTARA after leaving Rio de Janeiro A.M./19 is proceeding J.33. NEWCASTLE remains in K.32, K.33.
(R.A.S.A.D. 1404Z/18 to C. in C. S.A.)

ERLANGEN German — Commenced coaling this morning. She has permit for 1100 tons. (N.A. Buenos Aires 1420Z/18 to D.N.I., S.A.D., etc.)

HERMES (German) — My 2044/28/5 (N.T. in W.R.). Further description. (S.O.I. Montevideo 1545Z/18 to S.A.D.)

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FRANKFURT German	Following description received from Rio de Janeiro. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 1601Z/18 to S.A.D.)
NATAL (German)	Santos reports NATAL has applied for custom clearance for Hamburg. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 1915Z/18 to R.A.S.A.D.) NATAL has received clearance from customs and maritime police. Have no information as to what action Brazilian authorities in Rio de Janeiro are taking. (N.C.S.O. Santos, 2215Z/18 to R.A.S.A.D.)
Lagos defences.	Very important look out post should be established on end of West of Mole if not there already and gun if possible. Is there room for 12-pounder or 4" gun and could this be mounted or manned if supplied? (C. in C. S.A. 2017N/18 to DRAGON, STURDY, Command Lagos etc.)
DESIRADE intercepted	PRETORIA CASTLE reported at 2125/17 Vichy French ship DESIRADE intercepted. Was told to put guard and navigating party on board and send to Simonstown. Much delay caused by difficulty in communication but ship now reported 1945/18 in detention, engines damaged by sabotage but proceeding to St. Helena at 7 knots. Do not know why ship was not boarded and taken in charge at once. (C. in C. S.A. 2111N/18 to Admty.)
LATI (Italian), Spanish supply ship	Spanish sailing vessel DELFIM or DELFIRE registered at Teneriffe, is carrying aviation spirit for Italian LATI Company at Sal Cape Verde Is. from Cisneros. Route Cisneros Spanish water to Cape Blanco and then Sal. Also reported in touch with submarine at sea. If met she is to be intercepted and sent in for examination. (C. in C. S.A., 2121N/18 to S.A. Sqdn.)

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BUTTERFLY PAMPANO (Italian)	Pernambuco reports BUTTERFLY has gone alongside to load more cargo. PAMPANO continues discharging grain. (S.O.I. Montevideo 2301Z/18).
HERMES (German)	Rio de Janeiro reports obtained clearance at 2100Z. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2351Z/18 to R.A.S.A.D.)

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BIRMANIA (Italian)	Reported on 9/6 had sunk in Tripoli (Libya) harbour. (D.S. 652, 18/6).
Benghazi, Bardia bombed.	Operational Summary No.373 up to 1200/18. Night 16/17. 8 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour bombs falling between Juliana Monument and Quay and at base of Cathedral Mole. 3 Wellingtons bombed Gazala North and Derna Satellite landing ground and Bardia. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1124/18).
ALBERTA sunk CAPITAINE DAMIANI torpedoed.	French Tanker ALBERTA sunk off Dardanelles 6/6 was routed from Marseilles through Straits of Bonifacio thence via Naples Messina Corner and Doro Channels to Constanza. Latter was in company with tanker CAPITAINE DAMIANI when latter was torpedoed by UPHOLDER 23/5 off Cape Del Armi and subsequently towed her to Messina and then to Naples. (Capt. (S) 1 1133C/18 to F.O.C.N.A.)
VAUQUELIN	French destroyer VAUQUELIN expected to pass Messina Southbound 2000B/18 to be attacked if sighted. (S.O. (S) Malta 1145B/18 to UNBEATEN.)

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Dinghy sighted by A/C — Following has been read Y Y 1 five in dinghy posn. 33.09 N. 27.22 E. 5 too rough to land all seem O.K. (Malta, 1315/18). Following has been read. Men in dinghy found (position). Proceed to position Sunderland shadowing. (Malta, 1320/18)

Policy — Chiefs of Staff 134 re policy in Syria, Libya, Cyprus, Malta. (1st S.L. 1544B/18 to C. in C. Med.). See Mediterranean Volume.

REGENT — Your 1551C/13. In view of delay intend sailing REGENT P.M./19 through (route) thence to patrol within 50 miles radius of Benghazi unless otherwise ordered by you. (Cdr. S.1. 1546B/18 to Capt. S.1.)

Alexandria Raid. — Air Raid 0400 to 0515/18, about seven machines and seven bombs. One Egyptian killed, no appreciable damage. (R.A. Alexandria, 14100/18 to C. in C. Med.)

Malta Air Raid — C.S.R. Malta up to 1600/18. Enemy air activity. Night 17/18 June. Six enemy aircraft approached but only four crossed Coast dropping a few bombs on land and majority in sea. No military damage or casualties. (H.Q. R.A.F., Malta 1600/18)

U.S.11A. — D. of S.T's 0556B/13 (U.S.11A not programmed to call at Aden: P.S.T.O. Egypt to advise A.C.N.B. re personnel.) and A.C.N.B's Z/11, personnel should remain on board to Middle East. (P.S.T.O. Egypt, 1623/18 to A.C.N.B.)

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UPHOLDER	UPHOLDER reports Blank. (Cdr. S.1., 1626B/18 to Capt. S.1.)
Personnel in unescorted ships.	Request confirmation that Admty. 1958/14/5, 1704/9/6 and 2154/13/6 are intended to apply to ships running unescorted between Egypt and S. Africa, India and Australia. If this restriction is insisted upon it will seriously affect scheme for evacuating some 40,000 persons from M.E. (C. in C. Med., 1648/18 to Admty.) Reply: 1937/19.
Middle East situation.	C, in C. M.E. 1714/18 to War Office. See Lion Copy.
IKI KARDASHLAR	Turkish schooner, sunk by M.T.B. Report of incident. (C. in C. Med., 1754C/18 to Ambassador, Angora). See Lion Copy.
MAYA (Italian)	Reported passed Istanbul for Aegean 17/6 with 5000 tons fuel oil. Destination believed Syria. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 1811C/18 to Admty.)
Black Sea	Summary of information. German preparations Black Sea area. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1915/18 to S.O.I. Med.) See Lion Copy.
S/M Movements	Summary 26. Movements. (Capt. S.1., 1951C/18 to Med. Fleet).
Benghazi bombed.	Prelim. Op. Summary No.3. Bombing night 17/18. 6 Wellington Benghazi on Cathedral Mole. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 2053/18).

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JANUS COVENTRY.	JANUS arrived Suez 18/6 departure Port Said COVENTRY 2150/18. (S.B.N.O. Suez, 2215C/18 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)
UTILITAS Italian Tanker	Entered Bosphorus 1430C/18 fully laden for Aegean. Grey Hull small black funnel aft, foremast only. (Capt. S.7., 2325C/18 to TETRARCH.)
COVENTRY	My 0946C/17, amended E.T.A. 0645C/19. (Haifa). (COVENTRY, 2330C/18 to N.O.I.C. Haifa.)

Syria.

A/C attack Beirut	Following from 829 Sqn. Two Wellesly carried out dive bombing attack on Beirut Harbour, one hit Mole, second did not drop, neither saw Destroyers. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0250/18 to 15 C.S.)
Shipping Routes.	Ships trading in British interests are not to route through an area bounded on North by 36° N. or West of 35° E. on South by 33° 30' N. or East by Syrian coast. (C. in C. Med., 1048/18 to N.O.I.C's Cyprus, Palestine, etc.)
Area for A/C attacks on Enemy Shipping.	Request aircraft based in Palestine should only attack Merchant vessels within the area given in my 1048/18 unless special request is made. Aircraft based Cyprus or Alexandria are given route of British controlled shipping and can therefore decide whether ships outside this area should be attacked or not. (C. in C. Med. 1050/18 to H.Q., P. and T.J.)

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Bombardment. — Army intend mounting strong attack on Damour position in 2 or 3 days time. You should be prepared to bombard Ridge with a 6-inch cruiser as required by Milpal. Gen. Blamey is proceeding shortly to visit Milpal to confer on this action. (C. in C. Med., 1542C/18 to C.S.15.)

Enemy Destroyers. — Two unknown vessels with air support proceeding S. of Beirut position 10 miles N.W. Saida. (MIJJ, 1623/18, to Haifa W/T).
My 1623. Two destroyers.
(MIJ.1, 1630/18.)
Enemy now steering North.
(MIJ.1, 1636/18.)
My 1636. Enemy disappeared to North my position 7 miles South of Saida.
(MIJJ, 1652/18.)

A/C to Attack Destroyers. — Operation Order 162 of 18/6. Observation one torpedo aircraft is to do dusk attack on Vichy destroyers reported off Syrian Coast probably South of Beirut proceeding Beirut. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1812/18, to C.S.15.)
Your 1855 (N.T. in W.R.) confirmed. R.A.F. are laying on an attack on Beirut harbour (? dusk) today and (? nothing further during the night.) (C. S. 15, 1913/18 to Haifa W/T.)

Suspected Minelaying. — Activities enemy Destoyers this afternoon were suggested of minelayihg. Approx. position area 4 miles from coast of Southern limit 5 miles (? North of) Saida. (N.L.O. Palestine 2001C/18 to F.O. 15 C.S.) See also 0925/19.

R/C Beirut. — Operational Summary up to 1900/18. Sorties 17/6 not reported in previous summary protective patrol over fleet. No interceptions. R/C Shipping Beirut Latakia. 3 Sorties Swordfish 815 Sqdn. from Cyprus moonlight sweep Tripoli to Beirut no vessels seen.
(H.Q.R.A.F. P.T.J. 2115/18 to H.Q.R.A.F. M.E. etc.)

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Situation Report No.60.

Syria. No details of activities of C.S.15 Force. French Destoryer moved to southward towards Sidon but returned to Beirut half an hour after being reported, no reliable reports available of military situation.
2. Western Desert. Operation BATTLEAXE cancelled. Tobruk continues to be supplied by destroyers unloading at night.
3. Alexandria. Small scale air raid about 0400/18. Some bombs and mines but little damage and none to ships or port. Port is open. (C. in C. Med., 2228/18 to Admty.)

East Indies.

W.S.9A. GALATEA W.S.9B.

Your 0744Z/17. Onward escort for W.S.9A due Durban about 5/7 must be provided from E.I. Station. Admty. will always inform you if you are not required to provide onward escort for W.S. Convoys from Cape Ports. W.S.9B due Durban about 28/7 will be escorted to Suez by GALATEA. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1250B/18 to C. in C. E.I.)

STRATHAIRD EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

Can be received in outer harbour at Massawa at present time. But owing to danger from mines I consider such large and valuable ships should only be sent to Massawa if smaller ones are not available and escort in Approaches can be provided. (C. in C. E.I., 1314Z/18 to P.S.T.O. Egypt.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN. DURBAN CASTLE

Your 0840Z/17. To affect exchange of crew, intended that EMPRESS OF JAPAN should return to U.K. via Vancouver, Panama Canal, Halifax. All passenger and troop accommodation will be filled eastbound from Halifax to U.K.

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DURBAN CASTLE Contd. — Propose you return in DURBAN CASTLE ex W.S.9A. which could be diverted homewards via Colombo and the Cape. Request information as to whether you will be able to provide escort for DURBAN CASTLE as far as Durban so that the possibility of using all the accommodation in this ship for voyage home may be investigated. (D.O.D.(F) 1830B/18 to C. in C. E.I.).

Assab Facilities — C. in C. East Indies 1028/14. Following further information required with a view to using Assab for transhipment purposes. (D.T.D. 2112B/18 to S.N.O. Red Sea.)

America and West Indies.

Transfer of Tankers — Without fast tankers, supply of oil and aviation spirit to Malta is now limited. Negotiations for transfer of two NEOSHO type tankers from U.S.A. have been in progress; culminating in First Lord's message to Purvis, dated 8/5. (No answer yet received.) Please take this up, using every endeavour to get an early and favourable decision. (4th S.L. 0124B/18 to Brit. Naval Delegation, Washington (for Adm. Little). Reply 1530/19.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN — Propose ROYAL SOVEREIGN proceed direct Bermuda for gunnery practices on completion of refit about 24/6. Date required at Halifax would be signalled later when date leaving Norfolk is known. (R.A. 3 B.S., 1201P/18.)

T.C.11. — Your 1447Z/17 not to Admiralty. Approved to employ SKEENA and ST. LAURENT local escort T.C.11 for first three days subsequent to returning to Halifax. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1348Z/18 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.) (See also Shipping & Convoys.)

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O.A.KNUDSEN (chased 6/6)	Reports having been chased by suspicious vessel 048° 50' N. 027° 16' W. on 6/6. Report following. (Aruba N.W.I., 1426/18 to Admty.)
SOVAC "R" report 4/6	My 1641Z/17 (report re boarding of SOVAC by warship in position 53° N, 31° W. Philadelphia amends position to 49.12 N. 34-34 W. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1541Z/18 to Admty.)
PASTEUR	My 1833Z/22/5. Repairs will be completed. Impossible to dry dock due to dense fog. Proceeds to Halifax p.m./18/6. (N.S.H.Q. 1546Z/18 to D. of S.T.)
PANUCO	Italian Ship 256 renamed PANUCO. Mexican Flag sailed Vera Cruz 16/6. Arrived Tampico 17/6. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1711R/18 to Admty.)
T.S.R's for CAM Ships	Ref. M.A.P. 6163 (T.O.O. 1923/29/5/41). These T.S.R's must come from current programme for U.S. Navy and in order to assess urgency of requirements, essential that I should know details of their proposed strategical employment. (Brit. N. Staff, Washington, 1735/18 to Admty.)
A.M.C's.	In Halifax Escort Force, employment on convoy escort. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1839B/18 to B.S.3. - see Shipping and Convoys).
Bases for convoy escorts.	Your 1213B/15? Consider situation can best be met and administration simplified by definite allocation of sloops and corvettes to be based at Halifax or Sydney Cape Breton. Proposals. (C.C.N.F. St. John's N.F. 2156Z/18 to C. in C. W.A.)
MALAYA	Armuk 396 18/6. Sailing of MALAYA from New York is tentatively fixed (date) (1235/18) (B.A.R.M. Washington, 2359/18 to Admty. etc.)

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Australia.

MANUNDA ORANJE WANGANELLA	Report received from Master that Red Cross markings on deck of MANUNDA were inspected from the air by C.O. of a hospital ship at Suez who reported they were not distinguishable above a height of 800 feet. Intend to extend Crosses on upper decks MANUNDA ORANJE WANGANELLA as far as practicable. (A.C.N.B. 1026Z/18 to Admty.)
U.S.12	Approximate date and numbers. (A.C.N.B. 1319Z/18, to D. of S.T.)
U.S.Liaison	Re appointments for liaison with U.S. Pacific Fleet. (A.C.N.B., 1415Z/18 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

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Ship's Attacked.

MERCIER (torpedoed ? 17/6) — All ships left 49.16 N. 42.21 W. Finnish Steamer KEMI picked up 27 men from torpedoed steamer now bound Finland and cannot take over there because 4 men very ill. Please can any other ship take them on board. (KEMI, 0037/18, via Nore W/T)

MERCIER YSELHAVEN — Following from Cape Race 2230 G.M.T./17. Following received from HAMMARLAND for Mattclark Bulevarden 34A Helsingfors (begins) Picked up from Belgian Steamer MERCIER 45 men, also ten men from Netherlands Steamer YSELHAVEN. Will land them somewhere. Signed, Norstram. (Ends). (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0420Z/18 to Admty., C.O.A.C. Halifax 1221Z/18 to Admty.)
Following received: HAMMARLAND (Finnish) now advised only 35 men picked up from MERCIER. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1220Z/18 to Admty.)

HAVTOR — Norwegian, 1524 tons, torpedoed and sunk on 11/6, one day out from Reykjavik on her way to Pictou, Nova Scotia, in ballast. Master and 13 saved, 6 lost. (D.S. 652, 18/6)

SCOTTISH MONARCH — British, 4719 tons, which had been overdue at Freetown from Loch Ewe since 2/6, now known to have been torpedoed and sunk in 12.58 N, 27.20 W. 23 survivors landed at Freetown. (D.S. 652)

NORFOLK — Following has been read: SSSS 57 - 17 N 11 - 14 W. NORFOLK. (Liverpool W/T 0154/18)
NORFOLK, British, 10,948 tons, independent from Newport for New Zealand via New York and Panama Canal. Position about 130 miles W. by N. of Barra Head. (D.S. 652).
NORFOLK at 0201. Now abandoning ship. (Liverpool W/T, 0203/18).

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Detach SKATE if fuel permits otherwise one corvette to proceed to assistance of NORFOLK torpedoed and abandoning ship in (position) at 0400B/18. Ship detached report name when well clear of convoy, aircraft co-operating. (C. in C. W.A., 0442B/18 to WALKER).
Am proceeding in accordance with C. in C. W.A's 0442B/18th. Expect to reach NORFOLK at 1300B/18. Can remain for 12 hours. (SKATE, 0721/18 to WALKER).
Following has been read. Have located 2 life-boats 15 men in position 57.15 N. 11.20 W, sea moderate. (Liverpool W/T, 1045/18).
Aircraft reports 2 life boats 15 men in position 057° 15' N. 011° 20' W. at 1045B/18 sea moderate. (C. in C. W.A. 1101B/18 to SKATE.)
After picking up survivors search for Submarine bombed by A/C in position 56° 25' N. 10° 58' W. at 1015B/18, aircraft co-operating. (C. in C. W.A. 1136B/18 to SKATE.)
1104 airborne on search for NORFOLK survivors.
1430, BPRA 1115 (approx.) sighted 2 life-boats under sail and DR approaching accompanied by Whitley A/C.
1515 DR finished picking up survivors DR signalled by R/T that there were 2 further lifeboats in a Westerly direction. Commenced search creeping line ahead from BPRA 1115.
1527 BPRA 0204 sighted wreckage and oil patches presumed left by sunken NORFOLK and one waterlogged lifeboat with 10 survivors S/C to contact DR.
1532 BPRA 0713 sighted 4th lifeboat with 5 survivors informed DR by R/T giving bearing and distance 1611 DR concluded rescue of life-boat and set course for second S/C for base.
1627 NSDU 5645 sighted cylindrical object in sea resembling a D/C floating on end investigated believed flotation chamber of magnetic mine.
1632 message sent to Group NORFOLK sunk 4 boats rescued.
1759 landed base. (A.C.H.Q. Liverpool 1840/18, to H.Q.C.C., etc.)

/ROBIN MOOR.....

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ROBIN MOOR (torpedoed 21/5)	My 1710/16. Member of crew of ROBIN MOOR photographed submarine which sank her. This clearly shows U-Boat of type U.77. Photograph in charge of American Consul General Capetown, Washington informed. (S.O.I. Capetown, 1010/18 to Admty. etc.)
Unknown ship.	Ref. 1136/17 from LIDDESDALE (N.T. in W.R.) Master of CITY OF BOMBAY reports when in 54° 33' N. 0° 37'20" W. at 0933/17 an explosion occurred under water approx. 60 feet off on the port beam. (N.O.I.C. Middlesbrough, 1430/18 to F.O.I.C. Tyne).
EMPIRE DEW (torpedoed 12/6)	At 2100B/18 in position 053° 13' N. 018° 36' W. picked up 20 survivors including Capt. from B.M.S. EMPIRE DEW torpedoed 11/6 (? 0230/12/6) in position 051° 00' N. 030° 00' W. One more boat with 9 men supposed to be further West. (ST. ALBANS, 2130B/18 to Admty.)
PHIDIAS (sunk 8/6)	43 survivors from PHIDIAS blown up by shelling by submarine 8/6, 048° 25' N. 026° 12' W, landed by EMBASSAGE. Form S.A. by mail. (0 8) killed, list of survivors follows. (N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. 2320Z/18 to Admty.) British, 5623 tons, on Govt. service with stores from Clyde to Middle East and Cape.

Submarines Reported.

1653/17 Air R/C	Your 1653Z/17. It is presumed you are taking necessary action including air reconnaissance to locate and attack this submarine. Would be of assistance if you would signal a broad outline of normal employment of your aircraft and numbers you have available. (V.C.N.S. 0154B/18 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.)

/Your.....

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Submarine Reported.

1653/17 Air R/C Contd. — Your 0154B/18. Weather did not permit air reconnaissance. My 1337Z/17 outlines aircraft available at this command. (C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1721Z/18 to Admty.)

1650/17 — Following received from OPNAV also being sent C.N.S. Ottawa (begins) At 1650 GMT/17 destroyer OVERTON SOUND contacted unindentified submarine 42° N. 63° 05' W. lost contact 1742 G.M.T. Heard unminstakable submarine echo and propeller noises. Ends. (D.C. 0316B/18 to C. in C. W.A., C. in C. A.W.I.)

0345 — Am over enemy Submarine in position 61.48 N., 22.25 W. (F.O.I.C. Iceland, via Lyness, 0345/18, to Admty., C. in C. H.F., etc.)

At 1214A, a German U-boat bearing 268° class 2 made first sighting report on 11125 KC/S. This is probably H.G.65. (F.O.C.N.A. 1413A/18 to N.A. Stn.)
My 1413A/18. Admiralty state they consider it was unlikely that this was a first sight report of a convoy. (F.O.C.N.A. 2229A/18 to WELLINGTON).

Restimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1418B/18)

Newfoundland — Following from C. in C. W.A: It is known U-boat operating near Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Escort vessels keep look out from moment of sailing. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1544Z/18 to G.B.7A.)

1948 — By D/F at 1948 G.M.T. Italian U/B in position 46° N. 3° 30' W. unreliable fix. Probably outward bound. (D.D.I.C. 2226B/18)

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SITUATION REPORT

Principal Events

Arrangements for continuous A/S escort of north Atlantic convoys.

VANESSA damaged by air attack.

Attack on shipping off Cape St. Vincent by F.W. Aircraft.

Vichy French COMPIEGNE intercepted in Sunda Strait.

Newfoundland Escort Force.	As continuous escort of convoys to and from Halifax is now essential C. in C. W.A. proposes to base all sloops and corvettes of Newfoundland Force, together with Coastguard Cutters, on Halifax, the destroyers of the force remaining for the present based on St. Johns and joining or leaving convoys near that port. H.X., S.C. and north routed O.B. convoys will thus be escorted between Iceland and Halifax by sloops, corvettes and cutters, with the addition of destroyers between Iceland and Newfoundland.

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

Northern Patrol.

SUFFOLK and ACTIVE are patrolling in the Denmark Strait, NIGERIA is patrolling S.E. of Iceland.

It is reported that ~~on 14/2~~ the German ship damaged in Karmoysund on 14/2 was the SS SARDINIEN and that an 8000 ton tanker was damaged at the same time.

British Air Operations

Bremen was one of the primary targets of Bomber Command last night; 77 aircraft attacked. 49 aircraft attacked the German warships at Brest. Minor attacks were made on Emden, Bremerhaven and Wilhelmshaven.

9 Blenheims with strong fighter escort attacked the docks and harbour installations at Le Havre today.

3 Blenheims of Coastal Command, with Fighter escort were sent this evening to attack a heavily escorted merchant vessel off Etaples, and claim a direct hit.

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SITUATION REPORT

Enemy Air Operations

Convoy F.S. 18 was bombed at 0029 today in 53° 0' N., 1° 25' E. VANES A (escorting) was hit amidships at 0045 in 52° 54' N., 1° 34' E. and was towed to Yarmouth.

Mining.

Operations
B.S. 59

PLOVER with COSTSWOLD, laid mines last night in the East Coast Barrier.

B.S. 64.

TEVIOT BANK laid mines today in the East Coast Barrier.

Liverpool was reopened at 0600.

Mines were detonated off Belfast.

A German submarine is reported to have been mined and sunk on 11/5 off Le Verdon.

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SITUATION REPORT

Shipping & Convoys.

To speed up coastal shipping, C. in C. Plymouth proposes a 2-day instead of the present 3-day convoy cycle, if air and surface escorts can be provided.

North Atlantic

Four ships were attacked early this morning off Sagres by 3 F.W. aircraft. SS EMPIRE WARRIOR and Swedish SS GUNDA were damaged and sank whilst in tow. It is reported that one aircraft was hit and probably a second.

Mediterranean

Eastern Mediterranean

C. in C. Med. would like to have more submarines for employment against Axis shipping, which includes a high proportion of tankers, in narrow waters unsuitable for mines.

Palestine & Syria

French destroyers this morning carried out a short bombardment at Sidon but retired under cover of their defences when our forces arrived. Little fighter protection is available for our ships.

/3 aircraft.....

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SITUATION REPORT

Mediterranean-Contd.

3 aircraft of 829 Squadron dive bombed Beirut harbour at 2130 and in addition to obtaining hits on a large jetty, a ship, believed to be a submarine was hit or near missed.

East Indies

C. in C. E.I. 07282/19 contains an important strategical recommendation.

China

Vichy French COMPIEGNE was intercepted today by a Dutch patrol vessel in Sunda Strait and taken to Tanjong Priok.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

S/M ferry service to Malta.

A. Reporting damage to CLYDE and asking for directions. (See S.8 1325A/18 to F.O.S. (in North Atlantic)).
B. No objection to employ OSIRIS for this purpose due Gibraltar on 22/6 en route to Alexandria. OTUS could also be used, but in my view RIVER Class should not be so employed.
C. Request I may be informed of action taken. -(F.O.(S) 0149B/19 to Adty.).

Movements.

ECLIPSE.
ECHO.

R/V off Swona at 2000B/19 and proceed in company to Reykjavik where you will act under the orders of Senior Officer H.F. To arrive p.m/21. (R.A.D. 0915B/19).

HAMBLEDON.

To escort AMSTERDAM and LADY OF MANN carrying troops to Lerwick and Long Hope respectively. Orders. (R.A.D. 1032B/19).

SHEFFIELD.

To sail for Rosyth 0430/20. Arrangements. (C. in C. H.F. 1416B/19).

St. John's Escort Force.

Leave convoys and proceed St. Johns N.F. forthwith. (C. in C. W.A. 1604B/19 to ABERDEEN, SANDWICH, PRIMROSE, WINDFLOWER, TRILLIUM, HEPATICA.)

/FURIOUS.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements-Contd.

FURIOUS.
HERMIONE.

Admty. 1302B/16, 2352B/16.
(1) Sail FURIOUS, LEGION, LANCE from Clyde VANQUISHER from Londonderry to R/V with HERMIONE in position. (a) 270° Oversay 10 miles at 0700B/22.
(ii) Route to Gibraltar.
(iii) Senior officer A/S escort VANQUISHER.
(iv) Order for destroyer leaving convoy will be given subsequently. (C. in C. W.A. 1731B/19 to N.O.I.C Greenock & Londonderry).

M.L's and A/S Trs. for Freetown.

My 1922B/14. M.L. 263 will sail with 17th M.L.F. also M.L. 274 if latter is ready in time. (D.A/S W. 1957B/19 to C. in C.W.A).

CHALLENGER.

Urgently required to proceed to Bathurst to carry out a survey of approaches for entry of deep draught ships. To sail to Greenock to embark stores. (D.O.D.(H) 2308B/19 to C. in C.W.A).

Operations.

S/M's on Patrol.

Warning that special caution is necessary in certain area. (F.O.S. 1016B/19 to S/M's on patrol in Area A).

Northern Patrol.

Your 1846B/14. Request you will order HILARY to patrol eastern half and CAVINA western half of K.2 passing through K 1. (D.O.D.(F) 1521/19 to V.A.N.P).
Orders. (P.O.C.N.P. 1800B/19).

A/S Sweep.

When convoy disperses sweep through position A 052° 30' N. 032° 00' W. (B+ 053° 30' 025° 00' if endurance permits and keep good look out for overdue ships. (C. in C. W.A. 1716B/ -to GENTIAN, ZINNIA).

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HOME COMMANDS.

British Air Operations.

Patrols.

BERT took off 0300/19. (C.in C. Rosyth 0302/19)
STAND now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 2218/19)

Bomber Command Operations.

Night 18/19 June. Primary target Bremen was attacked by 77 aircraft.
German Warships at Brest. 49 Aircraft dropped a large number on the dock area although the actual ships could not be seen.
Minor attacks, Emden, Bremerhaven, Wilhelmshaven. (H.Q.B.C., T.H.I. 1322/19).

Patrols on coast of Norwary.

Your 1805B/18. Concur as a means of gaining information of general activity on coast, provided other intelligence is sufficiently reliable and quick to ensure placing of effective patrol(s) in time to intercept a fast ship breaking out. (C. in C. H.F. 1707B/19 to Adty.).

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy F.S.

Enemy aircraft bombing 53° 0' N. 1° 25' E. (CATTISTOCK 0029/19).

VANESSA, damaged.

Bombed 0045/19 in 52° 54' N. 1° 34' E. Hit, both boiler rooms flooded. Taken in tow by VESPER. Later, 2 tugs took her in tow and brought her to Yarmouth 1218B. (VESPER 0045/19, VANESSA 0105B/19, C. in C. -Nore 0221B/19, 0734B/19, F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0232B/19, 0340B/19, 1218B/19. Salvage Officer Yarmouth 1540B/19).

MOORDALE. ARCTIC PIONEER.

R.F.A. MOORDALE while employed in replacing buoy in Portsmouth Eastern Approach Channel was attacked at 1150/17 by 3 enemy fighters. Attack was at low level 3 bombs and machine guns. Fire was returned by MOORDALE and ARCTIC PIONEER escorting her. Air protection had been provided and 3 British fighters arrived immediately after the first attack and drove off enemy aircraft. Two men in MOORDALE and two in ARCTIC PIONEER slightly wounded. No serious damage to either ship. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1037B/19).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Mining.

Tees and Hartlepool.	Ports closed in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0459/19). Port open in accordance with my 1103/14 and my 1018/15. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1148/19).
Operation, B.S. 59.	Completed. (PLOVER 0820B/19).
Operation B.S. 64.	Operation B.S. 64 is postponed 24 hours owing to fog. All times in my 2125B/17 to be 24 hours later accordingly. (TEVIOT BANK 0911B/19).
Operation B.S. 60.	Operation B.S. 60 is to be carried out tommarrow night Friday. Arrangements. One HUNT to act as escort. (C. in C. Nore 1120B/19 1500B/19).
Belfast.	L.L. drifters detonated one mine inside Tails Van of Sweep in (position) at 1120B/19. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1310B/19).
Sweeps.	Q.Z.H. 5.7.5. Request you will arrange to sweep New Channel reporting as soon as sweeping is completed. (C. in C. Nore 1635B/19 to F.O.I.C. Humber, Yarmouth).
	My 0810/19. Search completed to 3 miles East side of Q.Z.S. 244 from 5 miles south of No. 32 buoy to 5 miles North of No. 32 buoy. Negative result. (C. in C. Rosyth 2206/19).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Intelligence.

BORE X. — Finnish motor ship BORE X left for South America today. (Petsamo 1100/19).

NURNBERG.
EMDEN. — At Oslo 18/6. (B.2). (N.A. Stockholm 1101/19).

Vessels leaving Petsamo. — Routeing instructions by German Consul. (Helsinki, T.H.I. 2051/19).

Casualties and Defects.

ICARUS. — ICARUS returning to harbour with damaged forecastle. ANTELOPE is to proceed as soon as possible to relieve ACTIVE in 066° 40' N. 019° 00' W. Acknowledge. (Capt. (D) 3 16162/19 to ANTELOPE).

U.S.A. Cooperation.

Recognition Signals. — June 24 - 30. (D.S.D. 1031B/19).

Spenavo. — Cable address of the Special Naval Observer, London. (Spenavo 1651/19).
Any co-operation practicable in guarding flight of 10 Lockheed planes is requested. (Spenavo 1652/19 to Adty.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys.

Halifax Convoy Escorts.

Now essential to escort convoys to and from -Halifax. Propose to base all Sloops and Corvettes of Newfoundland Force, together with Coastguard Cutters, on Halifax, destroyers of the force remaing for the present based on St. Johns. H.X., S.C. and North-route O.B. convoys will thus be escorted between Iceland and Halifax by Sloops, Corvettes and Cutters, with addition of destroyers between Iceland and Newfoundlan Intend to implement this policy forthwith pending concurrence of Canadian Authorities as to use of Halifax. (C. in C. W.A., 1620B/19 to Admty. etc.).

H.X. 134.
S.C. 35.

My 1620B/19. No ships of Newfoundland Force will be available to escort H.X. 134 and S.C. 35between Halifax and Newfoundland. To provide escort for these convoys between Newfoundland and Iceland ABERDEEN, SANDWICH, PRIMROSE, WINDFLOWER, TRILLIUM and REPATICA have been ordered to St. Johns forthwith. (C. in C.W.A., 1621B/19 to C.O.A.C. Halifax, etc.).

Destroyer Escorts to Newfoundland.

My 1620B-/19. Should it become necessary to provide destroyer escort between Halifax and Newfoundland this commitment could be met:- (a) By ? basing 8 short leg destroyers on Halifax to reinforce Canadian destroyers now employed on local escort. (b) By ? basing all destroyers of Newfoundland Force at Halifax and ordering them to fuel at St. John's on outward and homeward passage with convoys. (2) I intend to adopt one of these alternatives should the occasion arise. (C. in C. W.A. 1625B/19 to Admty. etc.).

/Coastal.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys-Contd.

Coastal, Shipping.	To speed up, proposed to institute a 2-day convoy cycle instead of present 3-day. Programmes. (C. in C. Plymouth 1843/19) See Lion Copy.
O.B. Convoys.	Dispersal Star is no longer required for Northbound O.B convoys. (D.T.D. 2001B/19 to N.C.S.O's).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

WRESTLER. — Your 1155N/17. Intend to sail WRESTLER for Freetown 19/6. (F.O.C.N.A., 0028B/19 to C. in C.S.A).

DUNCAN. — F.O.C.N.A's 1946A/18. E.T.A., R/V 2200Z/20. Speed of advance 14½ knots. (DUNCAN 0600Z/19 to WISHART).

SEVERN. — Comply with my 1610A/17. (F.O.C.N.A. 0910A/19 to SEVERN).

WISHART. SCYTHIA. DUNCAN. — My 1946A/18. SCYTHIA E.T.A. now reported as 1300B/22. Estimated P.C. and S. of DUNCAN at 1200B/20 028° 20' N. 013° 05' W. 039° 13¼ Endeavour to join during daylight/20. (F.O.C.N.A. 1114A/19 to WISHART).

French convoys. — Gibraltar 18/6, 1606, Light Cruiser MILAN, PIERRE CLAUDE laden westbound. 0655/19, destroyer TEMPETE, OUEDRES deck cargo army lorries and waggons, LA MARSA empty, westbound. (S.O.I. Gib., 1143A/19 to Admty. etc.)

Western Patrol MARSDALE. — A.T. 1921B/17 para. 2. Request you will order MARSDALE to proceed to patrol L.2 instead. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1520B/19 to F.O.C.N.A).

8. D.F. — Part company as requisite join Capt. (D) 8 in FAULKNOR with FORESTER, FOXHOUND and FEARLESS at 0900B/21. P.C. and S. of Capt. (D) 8 at 0900B/21 037° 10' N. 015° 15' W. 286° 17 knots. (Route). (F.O. C.N.A. 1750B/19 to FURY) Cancelled See 0118/20.

Force H. — My 1052B/17 (N.T. in W.R) Request you sail A/S escort to pass through 036° N. 012° 50' W at 0700A/21 steering 320° 16 knots. (S.O. Force H., 2001B/19 to F.O.C.N.A);

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Enemy Air Attacks on Merchant Ships.

EMPIRE WARRIOR Air Attack.

Following has been read. AAAA 37.05 N. 07.20 W. EMPIRE WARRIOR. (Gibraltar W/T No T.O.O Recd. 0742/19). British, 1306 tons, Bound from Tyne and Cardiff for Pomaron, Portugal. Had sailed in O.G. 64. (D.S. 654).
Your 0655/19. Am in 037° (? 16') N. 007° 20' W. but have not sighted EMPIRE WARRIOR. (ALOUETTE, 0820A/19 to F.O.C.N.A).
Vice Consul Villa Real de Santo Antonio reports EMPIRE WARRIOR bombed and damaged by 4 aircraft off Guadiana Isham 0730/19. Trawler attempting to tow into shallow water. (N.A. Lisbon 0958/19 to Admty.).

EMPIRE WARRIOR Sunk.

My 0958/19 EMPIRE WARRIOR now reported sunk 1½ miles off mouth of Guadiana. (N.A. Lisbon, 1201/19 to Admty).
EMPIRE WARRIOR sunk by near misses from three Fokker Wolff aircraft off Guadian Bar. Master reports that one aircraft hit and probably a second. No casualties. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 1305/19 to Admty.).

4 M.V's A/C attack.

At 0400/19 6 miles south Sagres an aircraft attacking 4 merchant vessels who at 0700 were 6 miles to east with one aircraft 9 miles to south west circling. At 0900 these vessels were stopped off Lagosta. At 2000/18 passed Sagres going north Spanish tug towing an unarmed destroyer. (N.A. Lisbon, 1245/19 to Admty.).
My 1245/19. 4 M.Vs. were proceeding N. W. at 1100, two of them were damaged and being towed. At 0900/19 a German aircraft passed Montedor going North. (N.A. Lisbon 1532/19 to Admty.).
2 ships damaged by Fokke Wolff Aircraft, are being towed by two other ships to North up Portuguese Coast from Lagos. Request air escort. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon, 1536/19 to F.O.C. N.A).

/GUNDA.....

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Enemy Air Attacks on Merchant Ships-Contd.

GUNDA. Swedish SS GUNDA in tow SS PETREL in position 270 St. Vincent one mile at 1100/19 proceeding Lisbon at 7 knots. ERIDGE proceeding to support. (F.O.C.N.A. 1908A/19 to OSIRIS) 1770 tons, from Hull and Tyne for Lisbon. Had sailed in O.G. 64. (D.S. 654). No trace of EMPIRE WARRIOR or wreckage in vicinity of R.10 Guadiana. Am proceeding to join GUNDA. (ERIDGE, 2015A/19 to F.O.C.N.A)

GUNDA sunk. 2145A GUNDA sunk 037° 36' 30" 009° 53' W. after having her in tow one hour, PETREL. Crew safe on board STARLING and PETREL. Am laying dan buoy over wreck. (IMPERIALIST, 2150A/19 to F.O.C.N.A).

South Atlantic.

NATAL. (German). N.C.S.O. Santos reports 2215Z/18 that NATAL has received clearance from Customs and maritime police. Has no information action being taken in Rio de Janeiro by Brazilian authorities. (C. in C.S.A., 0344N/19 to R.A.S.A.D).

BARHAM. Arrived. (N.L.O. Durban, 0957Z/19 to Admty. etc.).

ANSON. Arrived Capetown 1630/18 and sailed 0326/19 for Durban E.T.A. point of arrival 1400/22 G.M.T. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1043Z/19 to Admty. etc.).

/Enemy.....

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South Atlantic-Contd.

Enemy Ships.

My 1130/17. Rio de Janeiro, German HERMES cancelled clearance late 17/6 and again obtained clearance 2100/18. German FRANKFURT should be ready for sea at end of month. Santos, German NATAL has applied for clearance -for Hamburg. Mar del Plata, German ERLANGEN commenced coaling. Has permit for 1,100 tons. Pernambuco. Italian BUTTERFLY alongside loading more cargo. Italian PAMPANO discharging grain. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1044N/19 to Admty.)

LONDON.

My 2019/17. and my 1313/18. Patrol in I 34 having regard to position raider may have reached. In addition to traffic shipping information signals following have been diverted south-west of St. Pauls Rock and may be met. (C. in C.S.A., 1105N/19 to LONDON).

VIKINGS.

Free French VIKINGS is proceeding to patrol Lagos Takoradi route. Should arrive Takoradi about 21/6 and will require fuel. (C. in C. S.A. 1109N/19 to Govr, Nigeria, etc.).

ABOSSO.

Position of ABOSSO 1200Z/19 estimated to be 000° 10' N. 007° 55' W. course 321° steering for position (?007°) 45' N. 014° 00' W. speed of advance 12.5 knots. Endeavour to meet at 0600/20. (C. in C.S.A., 1247N/19 to CROCUS, AMARANTHUS).

NATAL (German).

Following unassessed report from Santos. Reported that last night there was trouble with crew of NATAL. (S.O.I. Montevideo 1315Z/19 to R.A.S.A.D).

Policy U.S.A.

Your 1217/12. Policy in event of U.S. entering the war is contained in Admty. 1904/13 which is being passed to you by safe hand at first opportunity. Admty's 2209B/13 to C. in C.S.A. is being passed to you in one time table. (C. in C.S.A. 1525N/19 to R.A.S.A.D).

/FRANKFURT.....

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FRANKFURTH HIMALAYA.	Rio de Janeiro reports German FRANKFURT has shifted berth to receive 1000 tons bunker, Italian HIMALAYA is to berth alongside for loading. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 1601Z/19, to R.A.S.A.D).
MIGNONETTE.	Attack on U/B, 17/6 (C. in C.S.A., 1951N/19) See U-Boat Campaign.
TEBRO Italian.	My 1449/27/5. Santos now reports loaded only 11,109 bales of cotton. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2014Z/19 to S.A.D).
NATAL (German).	Santos report graded B.2. states cargo brought by German ship NATAL is being shipped to Rio de Janeiro in Brazilian ARARIBA of Lloyd Nacional due to sail from Santos 20/6. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2053Z/19 to S.O.I. Freetown).
QUEEN OF BERMUDA.	Proceed direct to J.35 and patrol in that area. (C. in C.S.A. 2101N/19 to QUEEN OF BERMUDA).
ALCANTARA.	Sailed 1230Z/19. Captain had instructions to R/V South with you. Understood he would report his sailing. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 2101Z/19 to R.A.S.A.D).
NATAL (German).	Santos reports NATAL has cancelled request for clearance as permission to leave has been refused by Brazilian authorities. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2210Z/19 to R.A.S.A.D).

/FORTUNSTELLA.....

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South Atlantic.-Contd.

FORTUNSTELLA (Italian)	A.2. Source report that FORTUNSTELLA at Necochea has received orders to raise steam and be ready to sail as soon as instructed. Estimated she has 1000 tons bunkers on board. (N.C.S.O. Buenos Aires, 2220Z/19 to Admty. etc.).
HERMES (German).	Rio de Janeiro reports clearances have lapsed. (S.O.I Montevideo, 2231Z/19 to R.A. S.A.D).

Mediterranean.

Air Units.	Doubtful whether a reply to the whole of Admty. 2205B/15 would serve any useful purpose. A detailed reply on similar lines but modified as necessary to bring it into line with existing situation should be sent. (1st S.L. 0241B/19 to C. in C. Med.)
TORBAY.	Summary of sinkings in Aegean 1/6 - 11/6. (D.S., 653, 19/6).
URANO (Italian)	Entered Bosphorus 1630C/18 for Aegean. Reliable report a minimum 8 ships will transit Bosphorus for Aegean during next 48 hours. (Capt. S.1 0257C/19 to TETRARCH).
Fuel in external tanks.	S.O. Subs. Malta 2050B/16. Aviation spirit both bulk and cased is being tested. Not yet confirmed no contamination has taken place. Will inform you of result of test of petrol from RORQUAL and CACHALOT. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 1023B/19 to F.O.I.(S))+

/UNBEATEN.....

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Mediterranean-Contd.

UNBEATEN. — Leave patrol p.m./21 by reverse of outward route to arrive off Marsamxett 0630B/22. (S.O. (S) Malta, 1149B/19).

Kavalla Shipping. — German Military Sea-borne traffic Northern Aegean is operated and controlled from Kavalla 040° 55' 024° 25' which is northern terminal port. Service operated by commandeered Greek sailing vessels between Kavalla Kastro and Mitylene ships sail when possible avoiding noise and proceeding at night. ships sail with Greek crews and German guards. (Capt. S.1, 11550/19 to TETRARCH, PERSEUS).

MAYA. CAMPINA. (Italian). — My 10510/19. MAYA and CAMPINA proceeded Aegean 22500/19. (S.O.I. Istanbul, (?1) 2160/19 to Mid. East 201 for C. in C. Med.)

URGE. — Intend URGE leave P.M./22 for area M 036° 40' 015° 10' - 000° - 80- 50. (S.O. (S) Malta 1343B/19 to Capt. S.1).

PERSEUS. — Leaves vicinity of Alexandria about 1800/19 for Antikithera Channel. (route). (Capt. S.1, 16190/19 to RORQUAL, TAKU).

Request for S/Ms. — I can usefully employ as many submarines as can be made available in Eastern Mediterranean. A (? reasonable) volume of Axis shipping plying in Aegean between Greek and Italian ports and Dardanelles, contains a high proportion of tankers and being tied at several points to narrow foci in waters unsuitable for mines provide an excellent target. "T" class submarines are most suitable for this employment but no type would be unacceptable. (C. in C. Med., 16370/19 to Admty.).

/WARSPITE.....

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Mediterranean-Contd.

WARSPITE.	Completes seaworthiness defects on 22/6. Two alternatives (a) To send herewith all despatch to whatever refitting port is chosen. (b) To keep her here until BARHAM or other battleship reinforcement is in sight. I incline to the former proposal. (C. in C. Med., 16490/19 to Admty.) Concur (a) See Admty. 0037/21.
Destroyers Air Protection.	(? Following) require fighter protection 21/6. Two destroyers passing through 032° 12' N. 025° 32' E. at 0500/21 thence course (? 115°) speed 21 knots to Mersa Matruh. (Capt. D.7, 17150/19 to R.A. Alexandria).
TARVISIO.	Italian Fleet Oiler TARVISIO entered Bosphorus 15.30 G.M.T. in transit with full cargo believed for Italy. (S.O.I. Istanbul 18300/19). N.I.D. Comment. The TARVISIO is a Fleet Auxiliary of 10915 tons. She carries four 4.7 inch guns and two 3 inch A.A. guns, has a speed of 10 knots and can carry a cargo of 8000 tons of oil. She is reported as having passed Istanbul for Constanza on 11.6.41.
Personnel in Unescorted Ships.	Your 1648/18. Not clear which particular restriction is likely to limit numbers to be moved. Restriction in total numbers is due to the desirability of boat accommodation being availabe for survivors of an attack. Assumed you will take action in accordance with para 4 of Admty. 1958B/14/5 should exigencies of evacuation scheme necessitate exceeding total numbers allowed by passenger certificate. (4th S.L., 1937B/19 to C. in C. Med).

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Service Personnel in Unescorted Ships.	Request reconsideration of Admty. 1958B/14/5. In order to expedite return of ratings to U.K. necessary to reconsider limitation of 100 ratings in each ship. (C. in C. Med., 21110/19 to Admty.) Reply: 2254/21.
Italian Ships Lost.	Red Cross enquiries for Warship RAMB II, Auxiliaries SABANDIA reported lost and SILVIA left Trapani for Tripoli 24/2, ship PAGANNINI, -motor ship EGEO, tug (PIPHINI?) 29 of Massowa Flotilla. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 23590/19 to Admty.).

Syria.

Enemy Unit.	One unknown unit 5 miles N.N.W. of Saida believed Submarine. (Call Sigh MIJ 1 0810/19) Enemy using flying boat for sea reconnaissance (M.I.J. 1 0817/19). My 0815, vessel now shelling near Saida. (M.I.J. 1 0845/19). My 0810. Enemy is Destroyer in same position. (Haifa W/T 0924/19 to Med. Stn.) Cancel my 0924, vessel not yet identified. (M.I.J. 1 vis Haifa W/T 0943/19).
Reports for C. in C.	You must keep me informed what you are doing. All I have heard is that French ships are shelling coast apparently unopposed. -Have no proper arrangements been made for fighter protection of your forces? (C. in C. Med., 0927/19 to C.S.15).
Suspected Minelaying.	My 2001/18. Area in which (? unknown) vessel is now operating leads (? to) belief that mines were not laid. (N.L.O. Palestine 09250/19 to 15 C.S).

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CASSARD. French destroyer CASSARD now reported likely to proceed north of Crete to pass Kaso Straits about 0800/20 to arrive Beirut dawn/21. Object is to locate and sink her. 201 Group is requested to provide reconnaissance to locate her. H.Q. P. and T.J. Command is requested to arrange for 815 Sqn. to attack this ship. S.o. 15 C.S. is requested to make disposition to attack her on Syrian coast if air attack fails. (C. in C. Med., 10210/19 to S.O. 15 C.S. etc.).
C. in C. Med's 10210/19. Suggest 815 Sqn. endeavour to make a dive bomb attack as late as possible consistent with making a recourse to torpedo attack if bombing fails. Desirable that first sighting report reaches 815 Sqn. by 1300. Hope to send 2 Fulmars as fighter escort for daylight attack. (R.A. (A) Med., 10270/19 to H.Q. P and T.J. etc).

Destroyer Relief. Request you will sail HOTSPUR, HAVOCK, DECOY P.M/20 to arrive Haifa 0700/21 as relief for 3 destroyers of force B. Suggested HERO, KIMBERLY and JACKAL should be relieved having been longest on coast. Request you will ensure bow protection gear in HAVOCK and HOTSPUR is fully efficient. (C. in C. Med., 10550/19 to F.O.(D) Med).
Take HAVOCK and HOTSPUR under your orders and leave Alexandria at 13000/20 arriving Haifa at 07000/21. (F.O.(D) Med., 1355/19 to DECOY, amended 1724/19).
Return to Alexandria. (C. in C. Med., 16350/19 to DECOY).

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CANADA. (French). Following received from H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. American Consul General in U.K. was informed at 1700/18 by French Authorities that French hospital ship CANADA is expected Beirut night 18/19 or day/19. Will bear the usual Red Cross insignia and will be brilliantly lit at night T.O.O. 0717/19 (ends) CANADA should be diverted to Haifa. (C. in C. Med., 14030/19 to C.S. 15).
Signal from Malta T.O.O. 1220B/19 reported hospital ship flying French flag in 036° 40' N. 019° 10' E. course 090° 12 to 15 knots. (C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 20450/19 to C.S. 15 etc.).
Am informed by Embassy from information received from American Minister that CANADA is expected Beirut shortly. If intercepted intend to send her to Haifa for examination before allowing her to proceed to Beirut. (C. in C. Med., 23530/19).

Policy. Chiefs of Staff No. 135. (1st S.L. 1802B/19 to C. in C. Med.) See Lion Copy.

Shore Targets. My 2047 FF targets now named are machine gun posts at 12421975 and 12451975 also the wooded area due West of these points and in addition any movement of transports or personnel North of Rosnebiyounes. Do not consider any of these targets call for cruiser fire at present. (N.L.O. Palestine, 21470/19 to LEANDER).

A/C attack on Beyrout. 19/6. 2 Albacores and 1 Swordfish dropping flares carried out dive-bombing attack on Beyrout Harbour at 2130 hours. 4hits seen on large jetty from lettered position A toD and 1 hit alongside to Westward believed to be a submarine. (829 Sqdn., 2353/19 to C.S.15).

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East Indies.

Madagascar.	Strategic importance of, and question of control. (C. in C. E.I, 0728Z/19 to Admty.) See Operations Volume.
CORNWALL.	To leave Aden a.m/20 and proceed to Port Victoria Seychelles, arriving 24/6. (C. in C. E.I. 0802Z/19 to CORNWALL).
CARTHAGE.	To leave Aden a.m./21 and proceed to Mombasa arriving 26/6. CARTHAGE is to clean boilers on arrival. (C. in C. E.I., 0804Z/19 to CARTHAGE).
C.M.11.	Now expected to arrive Suez P.M/22. (C. in C. E.I., 1146Z/19 to N.O.I.C. Alexandria etc.)
Transport of Prisoners.	My 1704B/9. Cancel sub para. (ii) of para. 1 and substitute:- No more than 1430 Prisoners -and 100 Guard may be embarked in any one ship. Limitation may be disregarded in case of ships of more than 18 knots speed for passages in the Indian Ocean and Australian waters, but proportion of guard to Prisoners of War should not be less than 7 per cent. War Office agree. (D.O.D.(F) 1941B/19 to C. in C.E.I., etc.).

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China.

N.E.I. Navy.	My 0813Z/18. Visit of C.s. in C. successful. Suggestion for exchange of visits of naval units. (C. in C. China, 0245Z/19 to Admty.) Approved. (V.C.N.S. 1710B/1/7).
ST AUBYN. ST. SAMPSON.	Returned Singapore owing to damage to latter in collision with merchant ship. Expect to be able to sail both tugs again in about three weeks. (C. in C. China, 0313Z/19 to Admty.).
N.C.S.O's Withdrawn.	N.C.S.O's Boc and Sourabaya have been withdrawn to date 4/5 and 13/6 respectively. Former not required owing to reduction in allied trade with Indo China and consequent lack of shipping. Latter withdrawn as a result of arrangements made with Dutch in regard to control of shipping in N.E.I. Archipelago under which necessary routeing is carried out from Batavia. Brit. Consul (corrupt group) very desirable Brit. N.Os. continue as Naval Reporting Officers. (C. in C. China, 0413Z/19 to Admty.)
SINKIANG.	My 1223Z/9. Decoux asks decision regarding SINKIANG. No ship large enough to take 1700 men for direct voyage is available. (C. in C. China, 0505Z/19 to Admty.).
French Ships, Arrest.	Question has been raised of arresting French ships ARAMISE, D'ARTAGNAN, MARECHAL, JOFFRE, CHENONCEAUX in Phillipines Court for debt should they call at Manila. Request your views. (Head of M. 1154B/19 to C. in C. China)
Chinese Officers in R.N.	Your 0351/20/5 and Ambassador Chungking's No. 8 of 28/5. Proposal approved in principle for up to 6 Officers. Request you will make necessary arrangements. Although service they can render without British Commission is limited presume you prefer them to serve as Chinese Officers. (Head of M. 1510B/19 to C. in C.China).

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America and West Indies.

U.S. personnel, PASTEUR.	Your 2315B/18. (-see under Shipping) 375 Special workmen from U.S.A. for U.K. arrive Halifax 6 p.m. 20th July (? June) in special train to embark immediately on arrival in PASTEUR. Sparks New York has made special arrangements regarding accommodation acceptable to party. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0415Z/19 to D.S.T).
FORMIDABLE.	Re details of damage to FORMIDABLE. (D. of D., 0508B/19 to BARM Washington).
DENBYDALE.	Admty. 1845B/28 (Refers to Part I of Admty. 1851B/28 re positions of independent merchant ships) Br. DENBYDALE not arrived. (S.O.I Jamaica 1132R/19).
ROYAL SOVEREIGN.	Your 1201P/18. Admiralty has no objection. (A.C.N.S. (H) 1231B/19 to R.A.3).
SHEHERAZADE (French).	Protest if under pressure of Govt. of U.S.A. Foreign Office might be disposed to allow SHEHERAZADE to continue her journey and proceed to Casablanca. (Adm. Comdg. F.N.F.L. 1305B/19 to Admty.).
Suspicious Flare.	Report received from coastguard cutter that DIXIE clipper sighted flare (unread) in 36.53 N. 41.25 W. Have (unread) near position and circled two hours. Cutter now searching nearby. Proceeding voyage. Master. -(Portishead Radio T.H.I. 1455/19).
Transfer of Tankers.	From Admiral Little. Your 0124B/18. Question discussed with Adm. Stark from Naval Staff. While possibly not fully appreciating danger to Malta, they point out that all vessels of NEOSHO type are employed with Fleet. Navy Dept. cannot release two ships without prejudicing movements of their own warships. In view of this categoric attitude it would not be politic for me to approach higher authorities. (N.A. Washington 1530/19 to Admty.).

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Wabana Ships.

Your 1805B/16. Suggest best arrangement Wabana Ships should junction with Newfoundland Escort. If this intention is carried out, request instructions what information concerning convoy is to be passed to C.C.N.F or N.O.I.C. St. Johns, N.F. (C.C.A.C. Halifax 1542Z/19 to Admty.).

RAMILLIES. REPULSE. Convoys.

Your 1251B/18. RAMILLIES was earmarked for H.X. 135for which no alternative ocean escort is available due to unforeseen delay with CIRCASSIA. She could then proceed Hval Fiord with local escort from Eastern R/V. If sailing of this convoy with only local escort is acceptable very suitable alternative offering better protection would be for RAMILLIES to accompany REPULSE with T.C. 11 proceeding Hval Fiord from position A vide your 1854/7 with HAVELOCK, HARVESTER and ASSINIBOINE as escort. Request immediate decision. (R.A.3, 1543P/19 to Admty.).

T.C.11.

Your 1854/7 Convoy T.C.11. Master of INDRAPOERA states ship unable to exceed 15 knots which will prejudice arrival of convoy by 30/6 vide D.S.T's 1852/7. Suggest divide convoy into fast and slow sections from Position A onwards if separate local escorts can be provided for BRITANNIC and INDRAPOERA and enemy information and weather conditions at time justify such action.
(R.A. 3 B.S. 1641P/19 to Admty. etc.).

AURANIA
Ice condition Belle Isle.

Your 1031B/19. Assume AURANIA will be instructed to remain with O.B. 334. Your 1035B/16. Ice condition still make use Belle Isle Straits inadvisable. (R.A.3 1731P/19 to C. in C. W.A).

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Dakar Intelligence.	Following from Navy Dept. From Dakar dated 18/6. Graded A.O. Arrived FORT ARCHAMBAUL with 3800 tons ? coal, BOURGES with 1900 tons coal PALLAS with 6000 to 7000 metric tons fuel oil, MONTESQUIEU returning 17th SOMUA tanks from North Africa, 250 native soldiers and 250 trained tank corps personnel. (N.A. Washington 1839/19 to Admty.).
HERMES. FRANKFURT. (German).	From Navy Dept. from Rio de Janeiro dated 18/6. HERMES and FRANKFURT have just secured clearance papers requiring departure not later 20/6. (N.A. Washington 1841/19 to Admty.)
Suspicious Transmission.	HARVESTER reports hearing unidentified supersonic transmissions and echoing sounds while in thick fog 090° St. John's N.F. 43 miles at 1400Z/19. (C.C. N.F. 2054Z/19 to Admty. etc.).
CHAMBLY H.X. 133.	My 1237Z/17. CHAMBLY will sail 1000/21 to overtake H.X. 133. (C.C.N.F. 2122Z/19 to C. in C. W. A., Admty.).
ZAMZAM (sunk 17/4).	Following report of ZAMZAM sinking C3 given U.S. Naval Authorities by Newspaperman Passenger. Raider named TAMESIS estimated displacement 9000 tons, DRESDEN in company. (details) Capt. Jager of DRESDEN quoted that raider carried a number of torpedo tubes and regulation armament of German Light Cruiser. Captain's name Rogge. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2146Z/19 to Admty.)

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NEO HEBRIDES. (French).

Extract from a Fairmiss telegram from Newcastle, N.S.W.
Departure 17/6 Sydney N.S.W. 17/6.
(Newcastle, 1130/19 to M. of W.T).

AQUITANIA.

C. in C. East Indies. 1748Z/16 (quoted). Presumably these are spaces normally used by troops. Request you take action to improve conditions. (D. of S.T. 1801B/19 to A.C.N.B).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

EMPIRE DEW (torpedoed 12/6) — Keep a good look out for a life-boat with 9 men which may be somewhere to the westward of 053° 13' N. 018° 36' W. (C. in C.W.A. 0019B/19 to WANDERER, DEPTFORD, WESTCOTT).

INVERSUIR (torpedoed 3/6) — Have recovered in position 054° 34' N. 015° 32' W. at 0930/18 third mate's life-boat and 3 Officers and 7 men of tanker INVERSUIR. Ship was torpedoed at 0157B/3 in approx. position 048° 30' N. 028° 30' W. and sank about 18 hours later after submarine had returned and fired altogether 6 torpedoes and 25 shells into her. Whole of crew were seen to get away in boat. Some may have been picked up by submarine. Ship left Liverpool 29/5 in convoy bound for Aruba. (WANDERER, 0545B/19 to C. in C.W.A).

ROBIN MOOR (torpedoed 21/5). — S.O.(I) Capetown reports. Photographs taken by crew of U.S. ROBIN MOOR clearly shows she was sunk by U 77 type. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1042N/19 to Admty.).

Submarines Reported.

2336/18. — By D/F at 2336 G.M.T. U/Boat in 59° 30'N. 24° W. unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 0216B/19).

0036. — By D/F at 0036 G.M.T. Italian U/Boat in 47° 30 N. 7° W. unreliable fix. Homeward bound. (D.D.I.C. 0321B/19).

0200. — Submarine reported in 065° 05' N. 023° 50' W. at 0200/19. Report graded C.2. (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 0900/19, to Admty. etc.)

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

1901. Intercept at 1901 G.M.T. radio telephony D.E. G.M.C.G. (No trace) Unidentified submarine on surface unescorted position 7 miles S.W. Bardsey Island going northwards. (Port Patrick, No, T.O.O./19 recd 2128).

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1427B/19).

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C's and SALADIN. Enemy S/M sighted by A/C 0940/19 course 100° in 56° 10' N. 10° 58' W. ELECTRA, ANTHONY, BEVERLEY, SALADIN hunted with A/C co-operation. S/M sighted again by A/C 1120/19 in 55° 19' N. 9° 45' W; 1530/19 in same position: attacked by A/C 1545/19. In sight 1645/19; 1755/19. BEAGLE, SALISBURY ordered to hunt 1831B/19, Attacked by SALADIN 9 times from 1940/19 in 1120/19 position.
A/C Duty L to 15 Group, 0940, 0941, 0945/19.
A/C Duty P to Aldergrove, 1058, 1120, 1315, 1540, 1645/19.
ELECTRA, 1115B, 1537B, 1630B, 2344B/19.
F.O. (D) H.F., 1200/19.
C. in C. W.A. 1221B, 1556B, 1821B, 1831B, 1834B, 1857B, 2045/19.
A/C Duty H., 1359, 1530, 1545/19.
A/C Duty J., 1510/19.
A/C Duty V., 1755/19.
SALADIN, 1940, 2330B/19.

By MIGNONETTE 17/6. MIGNONETTE on passage to Freetown attacked U-boat in 012.04 N. 018.12 W. at 0004/17. U-boat sighted on surface then dived. Is any information available as to whether U-boat likely to have been on passage North or Southbound or on patrol in this (?Area) on convoy route? (C. in C. S.A. 1951N/19 to Admty.) Reply: No information. (D.D.I.C. 0251B/20).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

German warning to their shipping in Baltic to return to home or Swedish ports.

Cruiser redispositions are outlined in Admty. 1532B/20 to C's. in C. Home and Abroad.

Home Commands.

It is reported that the Germans have warned all German and Dutch shipping in the Baltic, Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia to return to Germany or Swedish ports and territorial waters.

Enemy Air Operations.

M/S Tr. RESMILO sunk LORD ASHFIELD damaged.

M/S Trawler RESMILO was sunk and M/S Trawler LORD ASHFIELD was damaged by air attack in the early hours of this morning, off Peterhead.

Attack on F.S. 20.

Convoy F.S.20 was attacked at 2352 today in 53° 16' N 1° 15' E by torpedo bombers. S.S. CORMOUNT was hit and was towed to Ipswich, S.S. SCHIELAND (Dutch) was sunk. Convoy F.N.82 was attacked close by about the same time, but no damage has been reported.

Tanker INVERARDER was bombed and damaged while at anchor off Spithead in the early hours of this morning, and was beached.

H.M.T. CAPSTONE destroyed an enemy plane which attacked her at 0419/20 in approx. 50° 6' N 5° 32' W.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Operation B.3.64.

TEVIOT BANK with MENDIP laid mines today in the East Coast Barrier.

Tees and Hartlepool.

The routine closing of these ports during the morning, was cancelled at 1146.
S.S. ILSE was sunk by mine at 2345/20 in Hartlepool Approach Channel.

Mines were detonated in the Thames Estuary, off the Humber and Tyne.

South Atlantic.

Lagos.

5 magnetic mines have now been accounted for off Lagos. Three of these were exploded today, 16 days after a ship was sunk off the entrance.

A floating mine was reported at 1119 today in 05.27 N, 00.02 W.

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Mediterranean.

Italian S.S. NINETTO G broadcast S.O.S. this evening from position 38° 10' N 13° 40' E. (north coast of Sicily).

Western Desert and Libya.

C. in C. Med., reports that TAKU on 11/6 torpedoed a ship in Benghazi harbour causing fire and explosions, and sank one ship in convoy 12/6, position unknown.

6 Wellingtons were detailed to attack Benghazi last night, but only 3 started and 2 actually bombed.

Alexandria.

No important damage was caused in a minor air raid at 2100/20. About 50% of the workmen in the dockyard are now at work.

Palestine and Syria.

C. in C. Med., considers that French warships at Beirut are probably one of the mainstays of the defence and if kept on the run by C.S.15's force, F.A.A., and R.A.F. they will soon depart or be destroyed.

A destroyer, probably VAUQUELIN, was sighted by a/c at 1340 in 35.56 N, 29.29 E. steering E., but was afterwards lost.

JERVIS reported a Vichy S/M at 2354/20 about 25 miles N.N.W. of Beirut.

S.S. KIRKLAND arrived at Haifa today from Cyprus, damaged by enemy action.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

The term "Aden Force" lapsed from today. S.N.O. Red Sea Force will administer all naval units, ports and establishments in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

U-Boat Campaign.

Portuguese S.S. GANDA was torpedoed by an unknown S/M at 1830 G.M.T./20 in 34° 10' N 11° 40' W.

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GENERAL.

Cruiser dispositions.

Hoped that circumstances will permit following to be adopted.
2. EXETER to relieve GLASGOW proceeds to Singapore to refit.
3. MAURITUS has relieved SHROPSHIRE who is proceeding to U.K. to join Home Fleet.
4. NEPTUNE to Med. LEANDER, as soon as she can be released by C. in C. Med., to return to New Zealand, when it is anticipated N.Z. N.B. will wish to refit ACHILLES.
5. AUSTRALIA to relieve CANBERRA shortly on E.I. Station.
6. LONDON to work with EAGLE from Freetown.
7. BIRMINGHAM to relieve NEWCASTLE beginning of July. NEWCASTLE to refit in U.S.A.
8. One 8" Cruiser, when available, to operate in South Atlantic south of equator as directed by C. in C. S.A. and in emergency to join R.A.S.A.D.
(V.C.N.S., 1532B/20).

HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Action to be taken if Germans occupy the whole of France.

Your 1332/27/5. Concur. To prevent confusion propose Admiralty 1407/10/1 be cancelled if and when these instructions are put into force.
(C. in C. H.F. 0952B/20 to Admty).

Defence of United Kingdom.

Aultbea.

B.3. Defence now complete and Gate operating.
(N.O.I.C. Aultbea, 1731B/20).

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Movements.

CHITRAL. — To sail with convoy W.S.9 (B) to Halifax. -Arrangements. (D.O.D. (H) 1312B/20).

Operations.

M.T.B. operations. — Instructions for M.T.B. offensive patrol between Nieuport and Zeebrugge tonight Friday. (C. in C. Nore, 1426B/20 to BEEHIVE).
Instructions for M.T.B offensive sweep tonight Friday from Thornton Ridge Buoy in approx. direction 160°.
(C. in C. Nore 2140B/20 to BEEHIVE).

British Air Operations.

P.R.U. R/Cs — Stavanger to Lister in Operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1122/20).
Oslo in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth 0954/20).

Attacks on Le Havre. — Day 19/6. The Docks and Harbour Installations at Le Havre were attacked by 9 Blenheims with strong fighter escort.
(H.Q. B.C. 1234/20).

Enemy Air Operations.

AAAA — 0044 G.M.T. automatic A A A A heard strength 2, no bearing obtained.
(Port Patrick Radio 0046/20).

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Enemy Air Operations-Contd.

RESMILO sunk	RESMILO sunk by enemy aircraft at 0140 at Peterhead south breakwater.
LORD ASHFIELD Damaged.	LORD ASHFIELD damaged by near miss, believed no serious casualties, reached Aberdeen in tow of tug ATTENTIF. (N.O.I.C. eterhead, 0330/20, 0600/20, F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1105/20)
A/C destroyed by H.M.T. CAPSTONE.	0419/20 in 50° 6' 6" N., 5° 32' 6" W. No survivors. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 1330/20)
VICTORIOUS	You were reported by enemy A/C at 1000B/20 (D.D.I.C. 1537B/20 to VICTORIOUS)
INVERARDER	(Oiler) bombed and damaged by enemy aircraft at 0012/20 and was beached near Motherbank buoy. Casualties Nil. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1937B/20)
Scapa Flow	One hostile A/C height about 22,000 feet circled the Flow at 1800/20. Ships in Flow probably visible. (A.C.O.S. 1943/20)
Convoy F.S. 20.	Help 53° 16' N., 1° 15' E., (VORTIGERN 2352/20)
Convoy F.N.	Enemy bombing 53° 20' N., 1° 0' E. (WALLACE 2354/20)

Mining

Tees and Hartlepool	Ports closed. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool, 0459/20) Negative my 1103/14 and 1018/15, Ports of Tees and Hartlepool now open (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool, 1146/20)
Operation B.S. 60.	Amended Position (PLOVER 0800B/20) Your 1120B/19 EGLINTON detailed. (D.16 1002/20 to C. in C. Nore.)

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War Channel.

INTREPID reports that while proceeding at 26 knots in East Coast War Channel on 15/6 explosions, presumed to be acoustic mines, occurred 2-3 cables from the ship in the following positions:-
At 1150 in 53.33.24 N. 00.37.48 W.
At 1244 in 54.47.48 N. 01.05.36 W.
At 1314 in 55.00,54 N.01.11.30 W.
At 1315 in 55.01.00 N. 01.11.24.W.
(R.A.D., 0915B/20 C. in C. Rosyth, 1101/20)

Operations S.N.70 B.

Intend to carry out as follows with AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, BRADFORD CASTLETON, WELLS. Sailing 1900/23.
(R.A.M./L, 1116B/20).
Operation completed.
(TEVIOT BANK, 1830B/20.)

Tyne.

Details of 3 S.A. and 1 magnetic. mines detonated 20/6.
(S.M.S.O.North Shields 1715/20 F.O.I.C. Tyne 1816/20).

Thames Estuary.

3 S.A. Mines detonated 20/6 as follows.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 1732/20).

Humber.

The Following 3 mines exploded 20/6.
(F.O. Humber, 1855B/20).

Enemy Intelligence.

Destroyer.

A/C report. One destroyer bearing 090° 5 miles course 075°. My position 3556N. 2925 E. Fix 1300. (Nore W/T 1340/20 to Whitehall W/T).

Oslo (LEIPZIG.)

Photographs at 1300/20 show enemy Cruiser presumed LEIPZIG in Oslo Port protected by anti-torpedo defences. (P.R.U. Wick 1930/20).

/German cargo.....

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German cargo ships in Baltic ports.

It is reported that all German cargo ships in Baltic ports along Gulf of Finland and Bothnia as far North as Vassa have received orders to leave for German ports by 21/6 at latest, whatever their condition of loading. Graded B3.
(Secret Sources, No. T.O.O.)
Germans have warned all Baltic German and Dutch shipping off Swedish coast either to return to Swedish ports or to keep within their territorial waters. B. one.
(N.A. Stockholm 2201/20).

Casualties and Defects.

ANTELOPE. Am returning to harbour evaporator broken down. (ANTELOPE 0316Z/20).

FURIOUS. Although ship could be kept running she ought to have 2 to 3 weeks for boiler cleaning etc. at first convenient opportunity after operation RAILWAY.
(FURIOUS, 1249/20 to Admty).

PHOTINIA. My 2107/17. Returned to Reykjavik for repairs. (N.C.S.O., Reykjavik, 2235/20).

Shipping and Convoys.

Slow ships for Iceland.

Difficulty experienced in inducing masters of slow ships bound for Iceland to sail without escort which is rarely available. Suggest such ships would save distance and have a better chance of obtaining escort if sailed from East coast ports to Kirkwall instead of Loch Ewe.
(N.C.S.O., Loch Ewe, 0942B/20 to Admty).
Your 0942B/20. No escorts are available Kirkwall and as ships have to be routed through Skopen Fiord there is little difference in total distance.
(A.C.O.S., 1900B/20 to N.C.S.O., Loch Ewe).

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Captures.

Instances where M.V.'s captured through being duped or failing to adopt adequate counter measures. Need for organisation and discipline when attacked. (A.C.N.S. (T) 1345B/20 to AIG.26 and 19) See Lion Copy.

W.S.9 B.

A.M. 1535B/17 DEVONSHIRE will not be ready to operate before Monday 30/6.
(C. in C. H.F., 1352B/20 to Admty).
Your 1352B/20. In view of this delay in DEVONSHIRE a large 6" cruiser can be accepted as escort for W.S. 9(B).
(A.C.N.S. (H) 1901B/20 to C. in C. H.F.)

Halifax Convoy Escorts.

Your 2156Z/18 crossed my 1620B/19.
Advantages of separate escort force between Halifax and Newfoundland. Experience suggests that the more continous the escort the better especially in foggy weather, when "meets" are difficult. Glad of your further comments when system outlined in my 1620B/19 has received sufficient trial. (C. in C. W.A., 1605B/20 to C.C.N.F.)

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North Atlantic.

MARSDALE. Proceed to L.2. (F.O.C.N.A. 0122B/20 to MARSDALE)

S/M's for Malta. Submarines on passage to Malta are to carry from Gibraltar as much of the more urgent requirements of the Island as practicable. Details of carrying capacity. OSIRIS and THRASHER due Gibraltar about 21/6 and P.33 due 25/6 are all full to capacity with submarines stores. OSIRIS if possible should fill one external fuel group with white oil or petrol. OTUS when sailed for the Eastern Mediterranean is to call at Malta loaded to capacity. (D.O.D.(F) 0149B/20 to F.O.C.N.A.)

8 D.F. Cancel my 1750B/19. Part company as requisite to join S.O. Force H. and Capt.(D) 8 in FAULKNOR with FEARLESS, FOXHOUND, FORESTER at 0800B/21. P.C. and S. of Capt. (D) 8 at 0800B/21, (?036°) 00' N. 012° 50' W. 320° 16 knots to R/V with S.O. Force H. at that time. Capt. (D) 8 (?leaves) Gibraltar 1000B/20 (route). Contact not to be made during darkness. (F.O.C.N.A. 0116B/20 to FURY.)

AVOCETA. GUNDA. British AVOCETA with refugees on board left Lisbon 0030A/20 for Gibraltar. AVOCETA expect to pass Setubal at 1200A/20 and Cape Trafalgar at 1200A/21. R/V and escort AVOCETA to Gibraltar. GUNDA sank in position 037° 36' N. 009° 53' W. Crew safe. (F.O.C.N.A. 0940A/20 to ERIDGE.)

Force H. Escort. Departure 0900A FAULKNOR, FEARLESS, FORESTER, FOXHOUND to R/V in accordance with S.O.Force "H" 2001B/19. FURY to R/V S.O. Force "H" in accordance with F.O.C. N.A. 0118B/20. (S.O.I. Gib., 1000A/20 to Admty. Force H.)

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THRASHER. Intend to sail for Malta p.m./22 (route). THRASHER has stores for Malta and Alexandria. (F.O.C.N.A. 1309/20 to C. in C. Med.)
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ARK ROYAL Hurricanes. My 1645B/19. Sea Hurricanes are provided as alternative fighter equipment and are to be maintained on Deck, a report being forwarded regarding difficulties of aircraft maintained and operated in this matter. Stores and spares will be forwarded first opportunity. (D.N.A.D. 1511B/20 to ARK ROYAL.)

Lisbon Refugees. Your 1816/12. In view of delay to SCYTHIA to await escort, there will be time for AVOCETA and AGUILA to make second trip from Lisbon and you may arrange accordingly if necessary. (D.O.D.(F) 1321B/20 to F.O.C.N.A.)

French Convoy. One Fr. Sloop BOUGAINVILLE Class escorting 2 fully laden French Merchant ships 5000 and 4000 tons deck cargo timber in position 036° 37' N. (? 009°) 41' W. course 340° 7 knots. (OSIRIS 1529A/20 to F.O.C.N.A.) (S.O.I. Gib., 1755A/20 to Admty.)

ERNA OLDENDORF. (German) With cargo Iron are ready to leave 20/6 cleared for H amburg probable destination French port. (Bilbao, 1753/20 to Admty.)

EMPIRE STRAIT Incident at Melilla. On 18/6 a clamp with wire secured to it was attached below water to stem of British EMPIRE STRAIT when alongside loading jetty at Melilla. Night of 18/19 two attempts made by unknown swimmer to approach bows of ship. Can you obtain results of further investigation as ship sailed before this was completed? (S.O.I. Gib., 1818/20 to N.A. Madrid.)

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W.S.8.B. — EXETER escorting Convoy W.S.8.B. arrived. (N.L.O. Durban, 0610Z/20 to Admty. etc.)

Enemy ships. — My 1044/19. At Rio de Janeiro: Clearance for HERMES has lapsed. FRANKFURT to receive 1000 tons bunkers. HIMALAYA to berth alongside to load. At Santos: Reported NATAL has cancelled request for clearance as permission to sail has been refused by local authorities. At Buenos Aires: A2 FORTUNSTELLA ordered to be ready to sail when instructed. Estimated she has 1000 tons bunkers. (S.O.(I) Freetown 0920N/20 to Admty.)

VAN VELDEN. — Your 2126/24/3 and Simonstown 980/870 of 20 May 1941. C. in C.E.I. informs me that VAN VELDEN has been requested by Admiralty to visit Massawa with a view to undertaking salvage of approximately thirty Italian ships in that area understand VAN VELDEN will shortly return to South Africa to discuss details with me. Request information as to basis on which negotiations for this large undertaking should be conducted. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown 1307B/20 to Adty.)

Treatment of Vichy Ships. — My 220G/1st June does not cancel any of the instructions for the treatment of Vichy French ships contained in my memorandum 125/62 dated 15th November 1940 and amendment to this. My 220G and former 211G/25th May and 126G/24th December refer to South America waters and defined area in which the general instructions as to interception shall or shall not take effect. The rules governing treatment after interception itself for escorted or unescorted ships remain as in the memorandum and amendment quoted. (C. in C.S.A. 1343N/20)

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DRAGON minesweeping.

Re Precautions against acoustic mines. (C. in C.S.A. 1511N/20, 1401N/20 to DRAGON.) Your 0933/20 very satisfactory. Sweeping should be continued on the assumption that up to 8 mines were laid. (C. in C.S.A. 1709N/20 to DRAGON.) My 2151/19. DRAGON reports three mines exploded probably by magnetic sweep as improvised acoustic not working blue magnetic. (details) If explosion reported in my 2151/19 is same lay which appears probable in spite of different characteristics this now makes five mines accounted for. (C. in C.S.A. 1725N/20 to Admty.)

Ex-Roumanian ships.

Ex Roumanian Ships OLTUL SIRETUL and PRAH OVA now under Panama Flag re-named ESMERALDA OMEGA TROPICUS respectively are suspected of possessing enemy characters and if (corrupt group) should be sent into nearest British Port, Owner has been placed on Statutory List. Last information, ESMERALDA at Pernambuco, OMEGA Lisbon and TROPICUS Los Angeles, ends. (C. in C.S.A. 2143N/20 to S.A. Station, A.I.G.231 G.)

Lagos Minesweeping, S/M off Duala.

My 1917/10. Magnetic sweep has exploded three mines off Lagos on 20/6, 16 days after ship was sunk off entrance, another explosion unidentified 19/6 but probably mine acoustic or magnetic. Consider precautions should be taken off Free French Ports. Report received from R.O. Victoria vessel resembling S/M sighted in vicinity of base buoy Duala 0900/20. (?Spar) magnetic sweep will be sent as soon as possible. Request information what contact minesweeping vessels and guns available. (C. in C.S.A. 2319N/20 to B.N.L.O. West Africa)

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Situation Report 61. Syria. Little activity while troops are reforming at Sidon. Force B. continuing patrols. French destroyers carried out short bombardment but retired under cover of coast defences on arrival of our forces. Little fighter protection available.
Western Desert. No change in general situation.
Submarines. TAKU torpedoed one ship in Benghazi harbour on 11/6 causing fire and explosions, and sunk one ship in convoy 12/6 position unknown.
Alexandria. Air Raid night 17/18 did not materially affect dockyard labour situation. About 50% of workmen are now at work.
(C. in C. Med., 00200/20 to Admty.)

TAKU. Your 09250/19 (? My P.C. and S. are) 032° 20' 018° 49' 115° 8. Consider Ras El Hilal worthy of investigation (weather report) (TAKU, 0307/20 to Capt.S.1.)
Your 0307/20. Report P.C. and S. of convoy. (Capt. S.1. 09250/?20 to TAKU.)

Enemy Convoy. 4 destroyers, 3 merchant vessels P.C. and S. are L.B.C.C. 0026 350° 10 knots. (A/C F.1 Sqdn. 07402/20 to Hal Far.) W.D. Note: Position indecypherable L.B.= 162° E'.

TARVISIO. Italian Entered Bosphorus 18300/19 believed for Italy. (Capt.S.1. 09390/20 to TETRARCH.)

REGENT, enemy ships. Proceed with despatch direct to 033° 00' 020° 00'. 4 Merchant Ships, 1 Destroyer 180° Spartevento Cape 10 course 100° 11 knots at 0800B/20. May be proceeding Benghazi through 036° 00' 020° 00'. Blenheims attacking. (Cdr.S.I. 1024B/20 to REGENT.)

GLENEARN towage. Your 1642/17. Agree. (C. in C. Med.1115/20 to C. in C,E,I.)

CACHALOT .....

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CACHALOT. — Intend sailing CACHALOT after exercises p.m./21 from 035° 31' 015° 17' to vicinity of 033° 00° 021° 40' thence along coast to 023° 00' thence as ordered by you. Estimate who will arrive Ras - Aamor about 0430B/25. (Cdr. S.I. 1116B/20 to Capt.S.I.)

Occupation of France. — Your 1332B/27 (Complete occupation of France by Germans) No remarks. (C. in C. Med. 1133/20 to Admty.)

JANUS. — My 20210/15. JANUS is at Suez and will be ready for ocean passage in about 48 hours. Request destination. (C. in C. Med.1145C/20 to Admty.)

"Thark". — Operation "Thark" cancelled. (Capt. S.1. 1203C/19 to Cdr. S.1.)

Enemy Convoy. — 5 Merchant ships 1 destroyer 5 torpedo boats in position 180° Lampedusa 17 course 550° speed 10 knots at 0940B/20. (V.A.Malta 1205B/20 to UNION.)

CELENO. — It is reported that the ?Italian Tanker CELENO fully laden 5,000 tons entered Bosphorus at 0830 G.M.T. (? in transit) for ? Aegean. (D.S.O.I. Istanbul, 1210C/20.)

Roumanian shipping. — BESSARABIA sailing for Constantza 19/6 cancelled, sailing of ALBA JULIA loaded here also suspended. TRANSYLVANIA with few passengers arrived today. Both liners anchored Bosphorous which is most unusual. (S.O.I. Istanbul 1230C/20 to S.O.I Med.)

830 Sqdn. — V.A. Malta 2002/17. 6 Swordfish from ARK ROYAL, 4 fitted with A.S.V. and all fitted with external auxiliary tanks are to be flown to Malta for 830 Sqdn. Crews are to be provided by ARK ROYAL. (5th Sea Lord, 1300B/20 to V.A. Malta, S.O. Force H.)

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UTILITAS. URANO. (Italian)	18/6 arrival, departure UTILITAS Fiume, URANO Trieste 23/6. (Istanbul 1555C/19 to M. of W.T.)
LE TRIOMPHANT.	Your 1332/10/4. Decided that LE TRIOMPHANT should proceed to Aden via the Cape. Future movements would then be considered. Date of completion uncertain. (A.CN.S.(H) 1746B/20 to C. in C. Med.)
PERSEUS.	Starboard engine out of action. Returning to Alexandria E.T.A. 0900/21. (PERSEUS, 1830C/20 to Capt. S.1.)
KIRKLAND damaged.	KIRKLAND arrived 0730/20. Has sustained damage by enemy action survey arranged date of completion repairs to be signalled later. (P.S.T.O. Haifa 1839/20 to P.S.T.O. Egypt.)
RINGULV. (French)	From Casablanca 18/6 (B - O) Norwegian RINGULV chartered by French line before armistice and lying in Orrece since June 1940, has been requisitioned by naval authorities and re-named SAINT MARTHE. She will be sent to Marseilles under French crew. (B.A.D. 1840/20 to Admty.)
CELENO. ALBARO. (Italian)	Loaded Italian tanker CELENO entering Bosphorus 1130 for Aegean also Italian tanker ALBARO at 1530/20. ALBARO has bridge right forward. Capt. S.1. 2015C/20 to TETRARCH.)
Benghazi bombed.	Preliminary Operations Summary No.4. Night 19/20. Out of 6 aircraft detailed only 3 started for Benghazi and 2 actually bombed. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 2026/20)

/NUBIAN .....

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NUBIAN. JANUS. ILEX and ISIS.	Final repairs. 2 destroyers can be repaired in India and 2 in Simonstown area. In view of V.A. Malta's 0822B/11 request you will signal your intentions as to the temporary and final repair ports of these vessels. (Controller 2225B/20 to C. in C. Med.)
S/M's carrying Petrol.	Your 2050B/16 to Capt.(S) 1 only. As identification flares cannot be used safely by S/M's transporting petrol suggest following special arrangements be made pending further investigation. (i) S/M's to be covered by total bombing restrictions. (ii) All concerned be informed S/M's cannot use identification flares (F.O.S. 2246B/20 to S.O. (Subs) Malta.)

Syria.

PARTHIAN.	Sail PARTHIAN (route) to arrive on patrol at 1200/23 in area north of 033° 48' N. and within 15 miles radius of Ras Beirut. Object destruction of Vichy warships. Vichy submarines are known to be operating in area. There are thought to be mined nets covering Beirut roads. No other mines are known to exist. If PARTHIAN finds it necessary to retire further seawards by night F.O.C. C.S. 15 is to be so informed. (C. in C. Med. 10320/20 to Capt. S.1.) Cancelled: see 1047/21.
French Warships and Batteries.	Policy for attack on. (C. in C. Med. 1220C/20 to C.S.15) See Mediterranean Volume.
Bombardment.	Consider a repetition of this morning's shooting would be unsound until coastal advance is resumed. Military have no other targets for ships as yet. Therefore no naval requirement for tomorrow. If this morning's shooting is repeated at a later date suggest time of firing should be altered. Request information regarding ships at sea if you consider practicable. (N.L.O. Palestine 1840C/20 to F.O. 15 C.S.)

/Enemy .....

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Enemy Unit. 299. Enemy speed is 20 (Group H.Q. M.E., 1540/20 to ?)

Beirut bombed. Op. Summary up to 2000/20/6. 2 sorties Albacores, 1 sortie Swordfish 829 Sqn. dive bombing Beirut Harbour night 19/6 4 hits on large jetty and 1 ship hit believed submarine, (H.Q. R.A.F. P. and T.J. 2050/20)

Situation Report No.62. Syria. French destroyer probably VAUQUELIN sighted by air reconnaissance on 1340/20 in 35° 56' N. 29° '? 29') E. steering E. but has since been lost by shadower. Further search in progress.
2. 3 F.A.A. aircraft divebombed Beirut Harbour 2130/19. Destroyers are located but submarine possibly hit.
3. Western Desert. No new developments.
4. Alexandria. Minor air raid on Alexandria at 2100/20 no important damage. (C. in C. Med. 23040/20 to Admty.)

Vichy S/M. Position of Vichy S/M 028 34° N. 35° E. 18 x 21. (JERVIS, 2354/20 to Haifa W/T.)

East Indies.

Aden Force. As from 20/6 S.O. of Red Sea Force will administer all Naval Units ports and establishments in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The term Aden Force will lapse. E I T (M) will be amended. (C. in C.E.I. 0422Z/20 to E.I. Station.)

Visits, Dutch Units. C. in C. Chinas 0245/19. I also recommend this and if approval is given I hope Dutch Units will visit Colombo and Trincomalee. (C. in C.E.I. 0558Z/20 to Admty.)

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W.S.9.A.	Admty. 1250/18. Intend HAWKINS to escort W.S.9.A. from Durban to Aden. (C. in C.E.I. 1140Z/20 to Admty.)
Convoy B.P.7	Will leave Bombay 0530Z/?25 R/V with Karachi portion in position as arranged at 1030Z/27. (Cdr.R.I.N. 1412Z/20 to C. in C.E.I.)
U.S. 11 A.	Reply to Admty. 1707/14 re use of giant liners. (C. in C.E.I. 1456Z/20 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
SEVE.	Ex Italian tanker SEVE now refloated. This makes additional five hundred feet berth main quay available. (N.O.I.C. Massawa No. T.O.O./20.)

China.

French ships.	Colonial Office telegram 825 6/6 tp Gov. Straits Settlement. Decoux agrees to accept crew and service personnel ex ESPERANCE in Indo China and will arrange passage from Singapore in GOUVERNEUR GENERAL PASQUIER when date of arrival here is known. (C. in C. China, 0345Z/20 to Admty.)
Chinese for German ships.	Shanghai reports A.1 that Melchers have engaged 6 Chinese crew which are awaiting passage Japan and are recruiting 4 more Chinese crew for 10 German ships in Japan. (Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0709Z/20 to Admty.)
MAROSA.	Norwegian, stopped by Japanese cruiser 17/6. (Cdr. Hong Kong 0751Z/20 to C. in C.)

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ARICA.
WINNIPEG.

Your 1136Q/17. French volunteers not employed on ARICA should be utilized on WINNIPEG otherwise will have to be sent to England as passengers. (D. of S.T. 0050B/20 to N.O.I.C. Trinidad.)

Aircraft crossing Atlantic.

Admty. 2345B/8. On 20/6 ten Lockheed Landplane transports scheduled to depart from Miami, Florida, for Trinidad via San Juan Puerto Rico, arriving at Belem on 21/6. Thence to Natal on 22/6 departing for Bathurst same afternoon. E.T.A. Bathurst is forenoon of 23/6. (D.O.D.(F) 1027B/20 to A.W.I. and S.A. Stations.)

PANDORA.

After position "D" pass through new position "E" 38° N. 41° W. thence as previously ordered by R.A.3. (D.O.D.(H) 1149B/20 to PANDORA.)

T.C.11.

Proposed disembarkation ports. (D.S.T. 1202B/20 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Vichy Intelligence.

Following from Navy Dept. Graded B.O. Algiers 18/6. Secret instructions to Navy Units in North Africa direct from Darlan: No change in current directives for land, sea and Air Forces; Vichy objective is to limit, rather than to extend, Franco-British conflict; Maintain high level of training and vigilance and keep all units in state of readiness to meet any emergency. (N.A. Washington, 1210/20 to Admty.)

RAMILLIES.

Your 1543P/19. Should be sailed with T.C. 11. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1211B/20 to R.A.3.)

Halifax Base.

C. in C. W.App' 1611/19 and 1625B/19. As Senior R.N. Officer in Canadian waters all administrative questions concerning H.M. Ships and R.N. personnel are dealt with by me. If H.M. Ships in addition to those of North Atlantic Escort Force are to be based Halifax, essential that a Senior Officer of Auxiliary vessels with suitable administration and base accountant staff should be sent to Halifax. (R.A.3 1607P/20 to Admty.)

/Italian .....

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Italian Fleet.	From Rome 18/6 B.2. Estimated state of Italian Fleet. (B.A.D.Washington, 1820/20 to Admty.) See also Summaries Folder.
Service Personnel.	Your 2154/13/6. (1) Request confirmation your ruling maximum numbers service personnel. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1851/20 to Admty.)
SURCOUF.	Propose to sail SURCOUF from Bermuda on 24/6 to establish patrol within 100 miles of 030° N. 040° W. returning to Bermuda 15/7. Object interception of raiders and supply ships. Proposed instructions to SURCOUF. (C. in C.A.W.I. 19020/20 to Admty.)
SHEHERAZADE.	Your 0048/16. Your anxieties appreciated and shared. U.S. attach importance however to maintaining contact with French in Africa and regard sending of supplies as pre-military operation. Report whether crew remaining is sufficient to enable ship to sail at once. Volunteers are not of course to be included in the crew. (Head of M. 1931B/20 to C. in C.A.W.I.) Your 1931B/20 para. 5. Yes. (C. in C.A.W.I. 22020/20 to Admty.)
Belle Isle.	Request approx. earliest date when a large convoy could make the Belle Isle passage. (A) As an emergency measure. (B) With reasonable safety not emergency. (D.T.D.1950B/20 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.)
French Ships stopped.	New York reports French Line Casablanca has stopped all its ships (presumably in American Service) and landed all passengers at Casablanca. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2041Z/20 to Admty.)

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GUADELOUPE. (French)	Departure 19/6, GUADELOUPE Martinique. (New York, 2200Z/20 to M. of W.T.)
Newfoundland Force.	C. in C. W.App. 1620B/19 concur. C.O.A.C. Halifax's staff will be strengthened and facilities provided. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2214Z/20 to Admty.)

Australia.

HOBART.	To sail from Fremantle a.m./26 for Aden via Port Victoria Seychelles where fuel is available. Passage should be made at approx. 18 knots. (F.O.C. Aust.Sqdn. 0021Z/20 to HOBART.)
CAPITAINE ILLIAQUER. (French)	Arrived 19/6. (Newcastle N.S.W. 0020Z/20 to M. of W.T.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

NORFOLK (torpedoed 18/6.) — Your 1150B/20. Herewith repetition of message referred to. From SKATE have picked up 64 survivors from S.S.NORFOLK am returning to Lough Foyle for fuel. 1646/18 (Ends) (C..in C.W.A.1409B/20 to Admty.)

ENSIS. (torpedoed 8/6.) — Request whether MIGNONETTE carried out orders contained in my 1625B/8. (C. in C.W.A. 1533B/20 to C. in C.S.A.)

S.L.76. (13/6) — Request information of two ships torpedoed in S.L.76 on 13/6. (D.T.D. 1759B/20 to CUMBERLAND.) Reply: 1539/21.

WELLFIELD. (torpedoed 4/6) — Summary I.D. form S.A.
1. British ship WELLFIELD.
3. 2330/4 048° 34' N. 031° 34' W.
4. First surfaced close to vessel after attack.
5. Circled ship and presumably dived about 2351.
6. 2 torpedoes fired submerged and 1 when on surface.
7. Ship sunk.
9. U.38, large, dark grey, no guns observed.
10. Torpedoes.
11. Complete set including S.P.'s 02272.
12.13 and believed 14. Believed all dumped in weighted bags. (N.C.S.O. New York, 2330Z/20 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U.B. dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1437B/20.)

2007. — Am investigating suspicious wake or swirl in P.H.E.G. 0902. 48.09 N., 06.58 W. (A/C U.1. 2007/20 to 19 Group H.Q.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By SALADIN etc., 19/6.

U/B appeared, stopped and from echo sounding on bottom. Large area of oil. (C. in C.W.A. 0009B/20, ELECTRA 0130B/20, SALADIN 0145B/20.)
SALADIN and BEVERLEY return to Harbour, SCIMITAR join BEAGLE. Hunting as in my 1006B/20. (C. in C.W.A. 1054B/20 to SALADIN, SCIMITAR.)
Your 1006B. My P.C. and S. are 056° 05' N. 010° 56' W. 183° 18 knots. SALISBURY proceeding ahead with despatch. (BEAGLE 1134B/20 to C. in C.W.A.)
My 1054B/20. BEVERLEY is to remain on contact until daylight/21. Samples of oil should be obtained. (C. in C.W.A. 1135B/20 to BEVERLEY.)
Your 1006B/20. In company with SCIMITAR SALISBURY and aircraft since 1350 searching the area. Nothing seen. (BEAGLE, 1541B/20 to C. in C.W.A.)
Your 1501/20. Large area of oil. Small amount still rising. Not diesel. Barnacles encrusted wood and bales of cotton evidently dislodged from bottom. Anti-sub and echo sound contact resembles shipwreck. Oil sample taken. (BEVERLEY, 1613B/20 to C. in C.W.A.)
If nothing found BEAGLE and SCIMITAR return to harbour at 2200B/20. SALISBURY continue to hunt. It is estimated S.L.76 will be in the vicinity to Northward at 2200B. (C. in C.W.A. 1633B/20 to BEAGLE, SCIMITAR, SALISBURY.)
Return to Base. (C. in C.W.A. 1823B/20 to BEVERLEY.)

U/B attacked by MIGNONETTE 17/6.

Your 1951/19. No information available. (D.D.I.C. 0251B/20 to C. in C.S.A.)

By A/C.

An investigating suspicious oil patch in position K.D.P.C. 4550 (58.45 N., longitude indecypherable) (A/C Duty S. 0550/20 to ALDERGROVE.)

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Submarines Attacked.

By A/C - contd.

Have bombed oil streak still moving O.S.T two knots 55° N., 11° W. P.C. 19 C.S.S. (Home Fleet A/C, 0715/20 to ALDERGROVE.)
One bomb on suspicious oil patch 55° N. 11° W. 533 Hudson also over spot. (A/C N.1,0735/20)
Proceed immediately to hunt U.boat reported by aircraft in 055° 16' N. 010° 41' W. at 0715B/20, aircraft co-operating. (C. in C.W.A. 1006B/20 to BEAGLE, SALISBURY.)
Can remain searching until 2200 tonight. SALISBURY can remain at sea for 4 days. (BEAGLE, 1025B/20 to C. in C.W.A.)
Following read from Liverpool. Bombed, oil half mile long N.F.D.U.1035(?) (A/C 1530/20 to 15 Group H.Q.)
H.64 position is 55.19 N. 9.42 W.
H.21 proceeding 55.12 N., 10.28 W.
(A/C 1345/20 to 15 Group H.Q.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Heavy air attack on Kiel and TIRPITZ.

Acoustic mining of East Coast War Channel.

S.S. CRITON sunk by Vichy French.

German BABITONGA intercepted.

Home Commands.

M.T.B. Operations. — M.T.B's from Harwich carried out offensive sweeps last night between Nieuport and Zeebrugge and south-east of Thornton Ridge.

Engagement with E-boats. — On recipt of reports of suspected E-boat activity at 0200/21, M.G.B's 58, 59 and 65 were ordered to patrol off Brown Ridge Buoy where, at 0400, they sighted three E-boats which retired at once to the Eastward. A running fight ensued until 0500 when the M.G.B's broke off within about 22 miles of Ijmuiden. Considerable damage was caused to the E-boats by Oerlikon fire and one rating in M.G.B. 59 was wounded. As a result of this action C. in C. Nore proposes that the re-arming of the 6th M.G.B. Flotilla with Oerlikon Guns and twin 5 inch Turrets may be given high priority, and that the allowance of Oerlikon magazines in M.G.B's may be increased to at least six per gun.

/Finland.....

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Finland.

At 1115 today Finland set up a full postal, telephone, and telegraph censorship.

It has been decided to base the 4th M.L. Flotilla on Iceland.

ECHO sailed from Iceland at 1730Z today to join SUFFOLK on the Denmark Straits Patrol.

British Air Activity.

A force of 117 A/C attacked the industrial centre, shipbuilding yards, and TIRPITZ last night at Kiel, but the results were not observed. Calais and the docks at Boulogne were also bombed.

Mining.

Operation B.S. 60.

PLOVER with EGLINTON laid mines last night in the East Coast Barrier.

Mining of East Coast War Channel.

In view of the recent laying of enemy Accoustic Mines on a large scale in the War Channel between the Thames and Tyne, Oropesa Trawlers are to sweep ahead of the East Coast Convoys.

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Mining-Contd.

Following the mining of S.S. ILSE off the Hartlepool Approach Channel at 2345 last night, the ports of Hartlepool and Tees were closed in the early hours today until 1830 and 1700 respectively.

At 2007 the Destroyer ARROW was damaged by a Mine off Flamborough Head; but can steam at 10 knots and has been ordered to Middlesbrough

At 0912B the Collier KENNETH HAWKSFIELD in F.S. 20 was mined and sunk off Southwold, one mine exploding under the ship and two more about 200 yards astern of her.

At 1540B the British GASFIRE in Convoy E.C. 36 was mined near 54E Buoy (Nore).

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South Atlantic.

Raider.	A raider report was transmitted at 1002 today by an unknown ship from 2° 00 S., 27° 00 W.
S.S. CRITON Sunk by Vichy French.	At 1049 Freetown intercepted a "Q" report from the ex-Vichy CRITON in 9.06 N., 13.40 W. From report of aircraft sent to investigate it is thought she has been sunk by a Vichy French Ship.
BABITONGA scuttled.	German BABITONGA, which left Santos on 24/4 for Brest with a cargo of cotton, was intercepted today by LONDON near St. Paul's Rocks, disguised as the Dutch JAPARA. The ship scuttled herself as LONDON approached. 42 prisoners were taken.
BIRMINGHAM.	On completing the escort of W.S.9A to Durban, BIRMINGHAM is to relieve NEWCASTLE in South American Division. NEWCASTLE is to refit in U.S.A. in August if she can be accepted there.
Takoradi.	N.C.S.O. Takoradi reports the harbour closed for 2 days from today.

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

2 enemy destroyers were reported in 35.55 N., 35.33 E. (N.E. of Cyprus) and another enemy unit with 20 aircraft in 34.22 N., 34.35 E. at 0800 this morning.

Vichy hospital ship CANADA was brought into Haifa for examination today by JACKAL. C.S.15 in NAIAD with 3 destroyers covered the operation.

Lybia.

Benghazi was bombed last night by 3 Wellingtons.

Alexandria.

2 air raids last night by a considerable number of aircraft caused no military damage but started a large cotton fire. There were some military and civilian casualties.

Suez Canal.

The Suez Canal has now been dredged to give a channel 133 ft. wide for ships drawing 36 ft.

China.

COMPIEGNE.

French COMPIEGNE was stopped by a Dutch patrol vessel in Sunda Strait on 19/6 and refusing to be searched was taken next day into Tanjong Priok. 2 Germans in her were arrested.

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Policy.

4th M.L. Flotilla — It has been decided to base the 4th M.L. Flotilla on Iceland. Orders. (A.C.N.S. H. 1529B/21).

M.L.'s. 215, 225, 227, 249. — N.O.I.C. Stornoway's 1916B/19 and Adty. 1616/6/4. As these boats have now arrived at Stornoway but have had no working up, it is particularly requested that they be given at least three weeks working up period at Stornoway before being used operationally. Experience has shewn this to be of very great importance. (R.A.C.F. 1545/21 to C. in C. W.A.)

Defence of U.K.

Iceland W/T arrangements. — Your 1714/17. Present situation. Details. (F.O.I.C. Iceland 1224Z/20).

Movements.

POLLUX II. — Your 1401/21. Destination of POLLUX II. Falmouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 1713/21 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

HARPASA — HARPASA has been engaged for conveyance of military stores and vehicles and will be ready to sail about 7th July. She should be sailed in an O.B. convoy with instructions to break off as necessary for Reykjavik. (D.T.D. 2003B/21.)

Operations.

Engagement with 3 E-boats — On reports of suspected E boat activity being received at 0200/21 3 M.G.B's patrolling to seaward of force on B.S.60 were ordered to patrol in vicinity of Brown Ridge at 0221B/21. Contact was made with 3 E-boats retiring to Eastward at about 0400B/21. Engagement lasted until 0500 when M.G.B's broke off within 20 miles of Ymuiden. Hits obtained on two E. boats from Oerlikons. (C. in C. Nore 1104B/21)

BEEHIVE's Preliminary Report (0902B/21) herewith. Proposed alterations in armament of M.G.B's. (C. in C. Nore 1630B/21). See Lion Copy.

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CONQUEROR — Your 2109B/20. Arrived. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1105B/21 to F.O.I.C. Portland.)

Kolbeinsey Islands. Proposed bombardment. — Propose carrying out daytime bombardment of Kolbeinsey Islands whilst on patrol in Denmark Strait. (MANCHESTER, 1141B/21 to C.S.18)

M.L. Patrols. — Your 1001B/21. Intend sailing following M.L. on patrol tonight. Q E 4.106 105 222. Q E 5.214 187 189 to arrive patrol at dark. (N.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1458B/21).

Denmark Strait Patrol. — ECHO sailed 1730Z. E.T.A. position 066° 40' N. 019° W. 0830Z/22. (Capt. D.3., 1733Z/21 to SUFFOLK).

British Air Activity.

Patrols. — STAND (Flown Twice) and SLEEVE last night. Nothing to report. (C. in C. Rosyth, 0824/21). Patrol SLEEVE now in operation. Only other recco. possible to-day in prevailing weather was P R V of Kristiansand South. Result not yet available. (C. in C. Rosyth, 2026/21).

Kiel (TIRPITZ) attacked. — Day 20th June. Two A/C attacked a 100 tons vessel 23 miles West of Den Helder. The vessel is claimed as sunk.
Night 20/21 June. A force of 117 aircraft were detailed to attacked the industrial centre, the shipbuilding yards, and the Battelship TIRPITZ at Kiel. Results not observed. Calais and the docks at Boulogne were also bombed. (H.Q.B.C. 1450/21).

Shipping protection. — Reference memorandum on arrangements for protection of shipping by short range fighters paragraph 12. Following areas proposed. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1657X/21.)

A/C in FURIOUS — Following aircraft embarked. 42 Hurricanes Mark two A plus one spare. 22 Hurricanes Mark two C. Three sea Hurricanes. 64 Hurricane pilots now on board. (FURIOUS 2300B/21).

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Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy FS.20. SCHIELAND (Dutch, 2249 tons) sunk. CORMOUNT (British, 2841 tons) damaged.	In a Torpedo-Bombing attack on Convoy FS.20 off the Wash at about 2352B/20, SCHIELAND was sunk in about 53° 18'30" N. 1° 1' E. and CORMOUNT was damaged but was able to continue with the Convoy and was towed by the Tug KENIA into Harwich and thence to Ipswich where she was safely moored alongside at 2400/21. Nine survivors from SCHIELAND are on board MENDIP, and 2 wounded men from CORMOUNT were landed at Yarmouth by WHITSHED. (VORTIGERN 0007B/21, 0030B/21). (WHITSHED, 0151B/21, 0530B/21, 0545B/21). (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0805/21, 1451B/21, 2114B/21). (C. in C. Nore, 1153B/21, 2225B/21). (Salvage Officer, Harwich 2400/21).
DE RESKE attacked 14/6.	Reports whilst fishing 15 miles W. by N. Blaskets at 0630B on June 14th being attacked by a four engined bomber marked 'G'. Ship machine-gunned. No casualties, superficial damage. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1145B/21)
Convoys E.C. Even	Help convoys SEAL and PADDLE. (VENOMOUS, 2355/21). Fighters have been despatched to assist Convoy PADDLE. (Nore 0007/22.)

Mining.

ILSE (British 2844 tons) sunk.	Sunk by mine on west side of Hartlepool Approach Channel at 2345. Believed one of crew missing. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0050/21). My 0050/21. Position 54° 41'12" N. 1° 10'42" W. All crew saved except one missing, believed killed. Vessel has back broken but not parted. Salvage officer has operation in hand. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0530/21).
Hartlepool Tees.	My 0002/21. (Hartlepool closed). Add Port of Tees closed. Probable time of opening both ports 1100/21. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0307/21) Port of Tees now opened. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1700/21). My 1700/21. Port of Hartlepool now open. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1830/21).
Operation B.S.60.	Completed. (PLOVER, 0759B/21).

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B.S.66.
B.S.67.

Lines given in A.L. M.07445/41 of 22nd May will be known as B.S.67 and 66 respectively. Intend laying B.S.66 on night 1/2 July and B.S.67 on night 3/4th. Preliminary M/S search will be carried out. If negative result obtained minesweepers will probably be dispensed with during operations. (C. in C. Nore, 1056B/21.)

Convoy F.S.20 KENNETH HAWKESFIELD (British Collier, 1546 tons) sunk.

Following received from PUFFIN begins:- KENNETH HAWKESFIELD of F.S.20 mined in about 052° 18' N. 001° 59' E. Believed acoustic. One exploded under ship and two about 200 yards astern. Ship sank in two minutes. Stem at present above water. Have 19 survivors which total crew, 2 injured seriously. 0945B. Ends. (C. in C. Nore, 1239B/21) (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1951B/21).

Departure tug DIVERSION at 1710 to assist vessel mined near 54 E. Buoy. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1732B/21).

Operation B.S.65.

By TEVIOT BANK on date to be chosen by C. in C. Nore. Details. (D.D.O.D. M. 1255B/21)

S.N.70B.
KENYA
ARETHUSA
AURORA.

R.A.(M) 1116B/20. KENYA and ARETHUSA are to provide A/A escort and cover during Operation S.N.70B, sailing from Scapa as necessary. R/V with R.A. M/L in position 270° Cape Wrath 18 miles at 0200/24th.
(ii) AURORA is to relieve ARETHUSA a.m./25. ARETHUSA is then to proceed to patrol West of Iceland (c) - Faroes minefield. KENYA and AURORA return to Scapa when released by R.A. M/L. (C. in C. H.F., 1526B/21).
Your 1116B/20. On passage to and from operation S.N.70B. you should pass to Westward of North Rona and S.N.3. (C. in C. H.F., 1615B/21 to R.A. M.)

Convoy E.C.36 GASFIRE (British, 2972 tons) mined.

Convoy E.C.36. GASFIRE (? mined) in vicinity 54 E. buoy. H.M. Trawler PETER HENDRIKS picking up survivors and towing wreck out of channel. (LEEDS, 1540B/21).

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Sweep of New Channel

Your 1635B/19. Q.Z.S. 264 swept by 'LL' and S.A. Eastern half swept by Oropesa, Western half will be completed by 2200 to-day. (F.O. Humber 1831B/21).

ARROW damaged.

Heavy explosion at 2007 about 50 feet abreast stern, probably mine, in position 107° Flamboro Head 4½ miles. Dynamos appear to be badly damaged. Main W/T Transmitter out of action. Capable of steaming at 10 knots. Intend proceeding Newcastle. (ARROW, 2034/21).
Your 1034/21. Proceed into Middlesbrough. (N.O.I.C. Tyne, 2153/21 to ARROW.)
ARROW now passing 19 A. buoy. Two tugs have left Hartlepool and are proceeding to her assistance. My 2153 passed to her by C.G. Whitby. Following received from ARROW begins Both dynamos out of action, oil fuel tanks leaking, turbine and boiler feet broken, boiler fan broken. E.T.A. Middlesbrough 0430/22 ends. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 2347/21).

Harwich

My 1547/21. Additional S.A. Sweep 261 Q.Z.S. One green mine detonated in 51° 54.7' N. 1° 41.5' E. at 2045. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2147B/21).

War Channel. Convoy precautions.

It is evident that the enemy is laying many acoustic mines in the War Channel between the Thames and Tyne.
Delay action devices may be set to defeat routine sweeping but to catch convoys.
It has been decided to transfer certain S.A. fitted Oropesa Trawlers to the Rosyth Escort Force to sweep ahead of convoys.
C. in C. Rosyth is requested to provide nine S.A. fitted Oropesa trawlers and C. in C. Nore five for this purpose.
This should allow two trawlers per convoy, one being stationed ahead of each column.
Group 77 allocated to Tyne will be available shortly to join this force.
C. in C. Rosyth and C. in C. Nore are requested to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. (D.M.S., 2337/21).

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Enemy Intelligence.

E-Boats. Suspect E-Boats activity. (N.O.I.C. Harwich 0125/21). E-boat sighted South of number 5 buoy steering North at 0309. (C. in C. Nore, 0353B/21).

Trawlers in Denmark Straits. Cruiser on Denmark Straits Patrol often sight Icelandic trawlers between whom it is understood there is much R/T traffic. It is important to check whether movements of our own ships are being reported. Can you check this. (C. in C. H.F. 1107B/21 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).

Finland. The following report is advised by C.T.O. The Great Northern Telegraph Company report that at 1115/21/6/41 Finland instituted a full postal, telegraph, and telephone censorship. (Chief Telegraph Censor 1130/21).

Baltic shipping. The following has been received from Stockholm. Graded B. one. Germans have warned all Baltic German and Dutch shipping off Swedish Coast either to return to Swedish waters or to keep within their territorial waters. (D.D.I.C. 1206B/21).

Petsamo. Following Norwegian vessels arrived here from Kirkenes 2330/20. All have proceeded to Trifona anchorage except HORNOY. (Petsamo 2003/21).

Shipping & Convoys.

C.A.M. Ships. Propose following policy for operating Catapult aircraft merchant ships. (C. in C. W.A. 1022B/21 to Admty.)
Fighter catapult ships are to be operated in accordance with following policy. (A) ARIGUANI and MAPLIN to work with OB/HX/SC convoys on Northern routes. (B) PEGASUS and SPRINGBANK to work with OB/OG/HG/SL convoys on Southern routes. (C) all ships to spend minimum of four days rest period at Belfast after every second round trip. (C. in C. W.A., 1025B/21 to F.O.I.C. Greenock, Belfast, etc.)

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Aberdeen Troop Transport	C. in C. H.F's 1212B/17. In future C. in C. Rosyth is requested to arrange for a Hunt or Wair to escort the troopship from Aberdeen to Orkneys and Shetlands and back. C. in C. Nore is requested to lend a destroyer to Rosyth Escort Force during the period concerned. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1233B/21 to C. in C's Rosyth, Nore.)
Anti U/B Trial, O.G.66.	Whilst O.G.66 is in N.A. Area a trial anti-U-Boat operation will be carried out by S/m Escort. (Details). (C. in C. W.A., 1836B/21 to SCARBOROUGH).
MELBOURNE STAR DEUCALION	Request you will arrange special escort. (D.O.D.(H) 1957B/21 to C. in C. W.A.).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

ERNA OLDENDORFF. (German) — Left here yesterday evening 20/6. (Bilbao, 1057/21)

Cutters from Algiers. — Keep a look out for 4½ tons sailing cutter reported left Algiers for Gibraltar 14/6. Cutter may contain a Capt. Beresford, Black Watch, and 2 Frenchmen. If met embark occupants. (F.O.C.N.A., 1206A/21 to 0.24).

GUNDA (Bombed 19/6). — STARLING and PETREL arrived here midday 21st June with 21 survivors of Swedish Steamer GUNDA attacked by enemy bomber seven miles South west Sagres 0555 G.M.T. June 19th. Vessel was taken in tow by STARLING and PETREL but sank 2034 269° 3.1 miles off Cape Sardao in 57 fathems. (Consul Porto 1640/21).

French Convoy. — Destroyer ST. MOUN French ship, FELIX HENRY westbound. 100 Destroyer L'ALCYON, French ships ALSINA and unidentified armed tanker about 8000 gross tons not laden Eastbound. (S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 2345A/21).

South Atlantic.

SHROPSHIRE. — Leaves Freetown 1500/21 to overtake S.L.78 22 June and escort to position V. (C. in C. S.A., 0145N/21)

Mine. — Floating mine reported in 005° 27' N 000° 02' W at 1119/20. (C. in C, S.A., 0210N/21 to G.B.M.S. 6.a).

ASTURIAS — My 0445/18. ASTURIAS should arrive Newport News 4/7. (C. in C. S.A., 0245N/21 to B.A.R.M.)

LOVSTAD — Overdue Shipping LOVSTAD due Durban 17th from Aden not arrived. (S.O.(I) Capetown, 0847/21).

"R" Report. — Following has been read.
R R R R L X D Q (Signal letters undecypherable) Position 0200 S. 27.00 W. Ordered to stop by warship. (Freetown, W/T 1000Z/21).

"Q" Report CRITON. — Following has been read.
QQQQ 9.06 N. 13.40 W. CRITON suspicious vessel (Freetown W/T, T.O.R., 1049/21).

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BABITONGA intercepted scuttled.

German BABITONGA disguised Dutch Japara intercepted 002° 05' S. 027° 42' W. Scuttled as LONDON approached. 42 prisoners now on board. Ship left Santos 24/4 bound for Brest cargo of cotton 44% fuel remaining. (LONDON, 1217Z/21, to C. inC. S.A.)
Your 1217/21. Endeavouring (? endeavour) to find out whether vessel was near 020° S. 015° W. on 5/5 020° S. 005° E. on 9/5 or 30° S. on 26/5. (C. in C. S.A., 1821N/21 to LONDON).
This plainly shows use of (?strongest) German ships as auxiliaries. Suggest Admiralty be asked for full particulars to assist representations to Brazilian Government. (R.A.S.A.D., 2339Z/21 to Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro).

Bathurst Precautions.

A.M.0038B/14, subject to your discretion the use of Bathurst by shipping can now return to normal. (A.C.N.S. (T) 1222B/21 to C. in C. S.A.)

BIRMINGHAM NEWCASTLE.

Admty 1532B/20, para 7. After BIRMINGHAM has completed escort of W.S.9 A to Durban request you will sail her as convenient to relieve NEWCASTLE in South America Division. On relief NEWCASTLE will probably proceed to U.S.A., (A.C.N.S. (F) 1323B/21 to C. in C. S.A.)

NATAL's cargo.

Santos reports 1,000 bales of wool have arrived from Argentine to be loaded in German NATAL. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 1610N/21).

FORTUNSTELLA (Italian).

Position remains the same. She has steam up and is ready to proceed to sea at short notice but unlikely she will sail at night also she can only leave within one hour of high water.
(N.C.S.O. Buenos Aires 1745Z/21).

NORDERNEY (German).

N.C.S.O. Para 1530/10 Capt. NORDERNEY returns to Para today and is reported to have stated he had ordered ?orders from German Embassy here to sail. No date given.
(N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1846Z/21).

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Enemy Shipping.

Rio de Janeiro reports German FRANKFURT is loading all hatches. Italian HIMALAYA berthed alongside preparatory to loading. German HERMES nothing further to report.
(S.O.(I) Montevideo, 1856Z/21 to R.A.S.A.D.)

Mediterranean.

WARSPITE

Your 16490/19. Concur with your proposal (a) WARSPITE should be sailed for Bremerton U.S.A., by Pacific route. (1st S.L. 0037B/21 to C. in C. Med.)

Suez Canal

1 Dredging in Suez Canal now completed giving channel 133 feet wide for ships drawing 36 feet. 143 feet for ship drawing 32½ feet. Salvage operation under Fleet Salvage Officer using tug CONFEDERATE about to commence. (C. in C. Med., 1221C/21.)

MESARO
TORCELLO
Italian.

Passed Istanbul 1630/20 for Aegean.
(Capt. S.1., 1235C/21 to TETRARCH.)
Request an early reply to my 1255/7th concerning proposed movement of Greek warships.
(C. in C. Med., 1251C/21.)

Alexandria Raid

Air raid 2110 to 2130 and 0300 till 0500. Many planes but no military damage. Large cotton fire. Militarycasualties 1 killed 6 wounded civilian 4 dead 23 injured.
(R.A. Alexandria, 1346/21 to C. in C. Med., etc.)

PARTHIAN

Operation B.S. Appendix 2. Safety route is established for PARTHIAN from end of Alexandria searched channel to 034° 30' 033° 30'. Thence on course 110 to coast between 1800C/21 and 1200C/23 PARTHIAN will proceed on surface by day.
(1st S.F., 1459C/21 to Med. Fleet.)

Enemy Report.

QQQ3 - Noon fix (?HBYP) 0721 1456 Enemy course and speed are 110° 10 knots.
(A/C of Med. Sqdn. 1605/21.)

/Enemy Convoy.....

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Enemy Convoy. At 1120Z/21. 3 Merchant ships approx. 2,000 tons, 1 Merchant ship 7,000 tons probably A.M.C. in position 300° Agostoli 25 course 110 speed 10 knts. (N.O.I.C. Malta, 1720B/21 1737B/21 to C. in C. Med).

PARTHIAN PERSEUS. PARTHIAN leaves Alexandria 1800C/21 for 034° 30' N. 033° 30' E. PERSEUS will leave to-night probably about midnight for 032° 38' N 028° 30' E. (Capt. S.1., 1741C/21 to TAKU).

Transport of Prisoners. Ref. Admty signal No. 87014 dated 10/6. Submit Admiralty be requested to increase the number of prisoners which may be carried in one ship from Middle East, Red Sea Ports, Aden and E. African Ports to India, South Africa or Australia and that guard may be reduced to 7% in case of Italian other ranks prisoners. (Middle East, 1855/21 to P.S.T.O. Egypt).

Benghazi bombed. Prelim. Op. Summary No. 5. Night 20/21 3 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi, causing large fire near central Mole. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 2150/21).

UTMOST, operation. If successful at first objective consider second operation should be carried out on North Sicilian coast between 014° and 015° E. in preference to position to north of first objective but not West of 014° E. due to SEVERN's recent activity near Palermo. URGE operating similarly on East Sicilian and South Calabrian coast during coming week. Position of operation and whether action (group omitted?) left to you. No British S/M will be near your area. (Cdr. S.1. 2245B/21 to UTMOST.)

Service Personnel. Your 2111/19. Reasons for limitation of Naval Personnel to be carried in unescorted Merchant Ships . If of assistance to you War Office have no objection to Navy making use of Durban transit camp which has a capacity of 10,000. (D.O.D. (F) 2254B/21 to C. in C. Med).

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

Enemy Destroyers.

2 enemy destroyers 35.55 N. 35.33 E. Unknown enemy 34.22 N. 34.35 E. 20 Aircraft. Positions at 0800. (K.L.6 (Med., A/C) 0900/21 to (G.8 W. (Med. A/C))

A/C and S/Ms.

The following has been read.
326 A A A negative attack any submarines south 32° 30' N. (Med., A/C 1005/21).

PARTHIAN.

Cancel my 1032C/20. Owing breakdown in another submarine PARTHIAN must now be employed in Aegean and will not be available for Beirut.
(C. in C. Med., 1047/21 to C.S.15).
Cancel my 1047C/21.
(C. in C. Med., 1808C/21 to C.S.15).

Vichy Destroyers.

Possible Vichy destroyer(s) reversed course about 1500 yesterday. Further search being made by No. 201 group No. 998 Sqn. today. Request 815 Sqn. stand by to attack. If not located in daylight suggest 815 Sqn. attack destroyers in Beirut.
(C. in C. Med., 1103/21 to A.O.C., P.T.J.)
332A for 272 Squadron G.H.Q. V T V A13821 6 mentions enemy aircraft over destroyers off Syrian Coast. Doubtful any these destroyers are todays four funnel objective. (Med., A/C 1153/21 to R.N.A.S. Ford).

(?) CANADA.

Your 1036/21 (N.T. in W.R.)
(A) Yes.
(B) Hospital Ships must obey orders of warships by international law. Most undesirable to show force but obedience must be (?obtained). It must be made clear at earliest possible moment that she is not being captured but only diverted for examination and release if complying with Geneva convention. (C. in C. Med., 1235C/21 to C.S.15).
QQ1 one hospital ship 260 10 090 34° N., 31° E. 1007. (Med., A/C 1352/21).
QQQQ(Armed Merchant Ship Raider) 25 MQ1 two funnel H ship position of enemy is 34.12 N., 31.05 E. Enemy course and speed are 090 10.
(Med., A/C 1405/21).

/Detach one.....

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Syria.

(?) CANADA Contd.

Detach one destroyer to intercept French Hospital ship CANADA reported by flying boat in 034° 08' N. 031° 00' E at 1400/21 course 90° 10 knots. Ship is to be taken into Haifa. Flying boat is shadowing. (C. in C. Med., 1455C/21 to HERO).
Your 1455C/21. JACKAL detailed, earliest interception 2000 C.
(HERO, 1610C/21 toC. in C. Med).
Your 1455C/21. to HERO. Am proceeding 1900 in NAIAD with three destroyers to intercept or take over escort as well as provide cover.
(C.S.15, 1715B/21 to C. in C. Med).
C. in C. Med., 1455C/21. Ship detached is to report P.C. and S. of CANADA after diversion. NAIAD and three destroyers are proceeding to your support and if nothing is heard from you will pass through position 034° 02' N. 033° 56' E. at 2330/21 course 274° speed 24 knts.
(C.S.15 1801/21 to HERO, JACKAL, KIMBERLEY.)
Your 1801/21. Detach JACKAL to Alexandria when relieved by one of your destroyers.
(C. in C. Med., 2011C/21 to C.S.15).
My P.C. and S. 214 34° N., 33° E., 25, 113, 13. CANADA in company apparently friendly.
(JACKAL, 2015C/21 to C.S.15).

Air Protection.

Your 1630/21 (N.T. in W.D.) Protection will be arranged provided ships do not go beyond radius of 75 miles from Haifa. There will be half an hour gap between patrols. Request your plan of movements as well as initial position.
(H.Q. P.T.J., 1817/21 to C.S.15).

Beirut.

Your 1259/21. (N.T. in W.D.) Confirmed but merchant ships in Beirut Harbour should not be sunk if avoidable. (C. in C. Med., 1916C/21 to C.S.15).

Vichy Activity.

Reaction to Syria. (D.N.I., 1925B/21 to C. in C. Med etc). See Lion Copy.

/Situation.....

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Mediterranean.

Syria-Contd.

Situation Report No. 63.	Cancel my 2359/21. Following is a repetition of my 23490/21. Syria. VAUQUELIN was not again sighted by air R/C until approaching Beirut at 0841/20 escorted by about twenty aircraft. Force B swept to North of Beirut during the night but did not make contact. 2 Hospital ship CANADA intercepted by aircraft in 34.12 N. 31.05 E. at 1405 steering East. JACKAL intercepting at 2000 and escorting to Haifa covered by C.S.15. 3. Western Desert. Sandstorm. Little activity. Alexandria. 4. Second air raid during night from 0315 to 0515 by about twenty aircraft. Many flares some bombs no mines. No naval or military damage. Ends. (C. in C. Med. 10200/26).

East Indies.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN.	Admty. 1830/18. Programme. (D.S.T. 0402B/21 to P.S.T.O. India).
Mine watching Shatt-el-Arab.	Proposed organisation. Details. (C. in C. E.I. 1128Z/21).
DURBAN CASTLE.	Adty. 1830/18. Anticipate that escort can be made available for DURBAN CASTLE as far as Durban. (C. in C. E.I. 1210Z/21 to Adty.).
MAURITIUS.	To leave Aden a.m./22 and proceed to Mombasa arriving 27/6. (C. in C.E.I. 1242Z/21 to MAURITIUS)
SONTAY defects.	Your 2105/17 and D. of S.T. 0314/17. (1) SONTAY requires new cylinder cover and brackets which are being made Asmara. Endeavouring to expedite. (2) Vessel unable to proceed until repairs complete -(N.O.I.C. Massawa 1301Z/21 to P.S.T.O Egypt.)

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China.

Arrest of French Ships.

Your 1154B/19. Information indicates these ships have been avoiding use of Manila since 20/5. Only CHENONCEAUX has paid one visit for purpose of completing with fuel for voyage to France. Reported this policy was due to fear that ships might be placed in "Protective custody". Should another visit take place and one vessel be arrested, presumably the others would not call. Net result would be that we should deprive French of one fuelling base, but as they seem to have largely relinquished this voluntarily it might not be of much consequence. I suggest as arrest of these ships by U.S.A. would not contravene our agreement it might be well to encourage such action with a view to obtaining a possible bargaining factor over Decoux. (C. in C. China, 0223Z/21 to Admty.).

COMPIEGNE intercepted.

Following received from B.N.L.O. Batavia: French ship COMPIEGNE stopped by Dutch Sunda Strait Patrol vessel 19/6, refused to be searched so was taken into Tanjong Priok A.M./20 now undergoing search. Ship is carrying 910 military personnel, 410 civilians including 2 Germans - latter arrested Cargo according to ship's papers is not contra-band - search continues. Captain made feeble excuse for refusing plan. Ship short of food. T.O.O. 0408Z/20. (Ends). (C. in C. China, 0241Z/21 to Admty., Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0307Z/21 to Admty.).

America and West Indies.

WARSPITE.

Admty. 1651B/15. Could WARSPITE be accepted if she arrived Bremerton in first week in August? (1st S.L. 0040B/21 to B.A.R.M).

NEWCASTLE.

Can NEWCASTLE be accepted for refit in U.S.A. about 1/8 and if so at what yard? (A.C.N.S.(F) 1317B/21 to B.A.R.M).

Mortier Bay.

C. in C. A. & W.Is' 2013P/15. Whilst agreeing that Mortier Bay has serious disadvantages, it is considered that handicaps are shared by other anchorages in Southern part of Newfoundland. C.N.S. Ottawa requested to investigate as an urgent requirement erection of a D/F beacon, shore D/F station and shore W/T station at the entrance to Mortier Bay. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1322B/21 to C. in C. A.W.I., C.N.S. Canada).

/Halifax.....

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Halifax Depot Ship.	Considered that a Depot Ship for escort forces at Halifax will become a necessity. Choice appears to be between GREENWICH and SANDHURST. As regards machine tools GREENWICH is considered slightly better. (C. in C. W.A., 1423B/21, to Admty.)
Air protection for Convoys.	Maximum air protection permitted by weather is being provided by Eastern Air Command for all convoys within range of aircraft based in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1606Z/21.)
Aircraft Crossing Atlantic.	A.T. 1027B/20. Dates and R/T arrangements. (D.O.D.(F) 1904B/21, to A.W.I., and S.A. Stn.)
Suspicious Ships.	Report by AUTAUGA of suspicious ships on 11/ June in 045° N., 051° W. (C.C.Newfoundland 2051Z/21.)

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U - BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

EMPIRE DEW (torpedoed 12/6.) — On arrival land survivors at Princes Stage thence berth at Gladstone Dock. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1058/21, to ST. ALBANS.)

INVERSUIR (torpedoed 3/6) — Clyde arrival CORINTHIAN with 23 survivors from INVERSUIR, also MARON and MORETON BAY. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 2029B/21, to Admty.)

S.L.76. (13/6.) — Your 1759B/20. (requesting information of two ships torpedoed in S L 76.)
S/S DJURDJURA..
S/S EIRINI KYRIAKIDOU. 1539B/21.

S/M's Reported.

20/6. — If nothing found by 0800B/21 return to harbour. (C. in C. W.A., 0030B/21 to SALISBURY.)

2033/20. — By D/F at 2033Z/20, enemy U/boat, 47° /48° N., 34° 35° W. U.S. Naval authorities informed. (D.D.I.C. 0445B/21 to C. in C. A.W.I. etc.)

0139/14. — TUNA reports 0139B/14 sighted possible U/b in 46° 00 N., 09° 25' W., approx., course 100° speed 12 knots. Range 2 miles. Hydrophone effect was heard over a period of half an hour. Two trawlers wearing Spanish colours were sighted 11 times during the period of patrol, no A/S activity was observed. On each occasion trawlers appeared to be the same and did not seem to be fishing.
T.O.O. 1831B/20.
(F.O.S., 0812B/21 to Admty., etc.)
Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1409B/21.)

20/6. — Detach one Destroyer, name to be reported to join FORTUNE in U-Boat hunt in 55° 49' N., 08° 15' W. Aircraft is being sent. If necessary FORTUNE can fuel at Londonderry. Take samples of fuel oil on the sea.
(C. in C. W.A., 1605B/21, to VETERAN.)
Cancel my 1605B/21. Contact considered wreck. Destroyer detached return to Convoy.
(C. in C. W.A., 1751B/21, to VETERAN.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Principal Events.

Germany attacked Russia this morning. German ALSTERUFER, believed to be a raider, was sighted and attacked north of Madeira.

Early this morning Germany attacked Russia along the western frontier of the latter, and later announced that a state of war existed between herself and Russia. Later Italy announced that she was in a state of war with Russia.

Great Britain has offered all assistance possible to Russia.

All Finnish ships met at sea are to be sent into a British port.

Germany has announced certain mined areas in the Baltic and operational zones in which any vessel is liable to destruction by mines or other means, in the Arctic and Black Sea.

Home Commands.

M.T.B. engagement.

In the early hours of this morning two of our M.T.B's on offensive patrol had a short indecisive engagement with several enemy escort vessels off Etaples. M.T.B. 71 suffered slight superficial damage and 2 casualties.

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British Air Operations.

Blenheims of Coastal Command attacked shipping in the Bay of Biscay today.

Enemy Air Operations.

H.M. minesweeper BEECH was sunk during air attack in the early hours of this morning on the Orkney Islands.

S.S. SKUM (Norwegian) was damaged in the early hours of today during attack on Convoy E.C.36 off Cromer.

There was an air attack on Southampton last night. Damage was very slight. Several parachute mines were dropped on land.

Convoy B.B.37 was attacked off St. David's Head at 2350, but no details are known.

Mining.

Further mines were exploded today in the East Coast War Channel.

Mines were detonated off Sheerness and the Medway River was closed early this morning.

All but one of the mines dropped at Southampton last night appear to have fallen on land. One fell in the Hamble River.

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North Atlantic.

ALSTERUFER attacked.

MARSDALE, on Western Patrol, sighted at dawn today a suspicious vessel resembling the German ALSTERUFER to the northward of Madeira, but lost sight of her at 0905A. The enemy ship is thought to be raider. Air search was made and the ship was twice unsuccessfully attacked by Catalina flying boats this evening and after dark. P.33 and FOXHOUND have been ordered to the area, and a further air search is to be made early tomorrow.

Mediterranean.

6 Blenheims today attacked and escorted enemy convoy off Lampeduse and claim to have severely damaged two 6000 ton merchantmen.

Libya.

6 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi last night. In addition to hits on the moles one ship was hit and set on fire.

Palestine and Syria.

Naval aircraft with torpedoes last night attacked 3 destroyers anchored north of Beirut. No hits were seen but from Air R/C a damaged destroyer was subsequently seen in Beirut harbour.

U-Boat Campaign.

VISENDA this afternoon engaged an enemy S/M on the surface in 62° 24' N. 14° 20' W. and was damaged and had her Captain killed and several men wounded before she lost contact. It is believed that the U.Boat was hit before submerging.

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Policy.

Finnish Shipping

All Finnish ships intercepted at sea are to be sent into a British port. Masters are to be informed that this step is being taken to prevent any risk of their falling into enemy hands. (D.T.D. 1553B/22)

Movements.

FURIOUS VANQUISHER

To avoid U-boats alter course forthwith to pass through 055° 45' N. 010° W, 055° 45' N. 12° W. thence to position (d) and as ordered in my 1731B/19. (C. in C. W.A. 1142B/22 to FURIOUS, VANQUISHER.)

MALAYA

MALAYA is expected to leave New York for Halifax about 8/7.
2. After working up at Halifax for about 7 daysshe will proceed to the Clyde.
3. On arrival in Clyde MALAYA will pay off and recommission, then proceeding to Scapa to work up. (D.O.D. H. 1658B/22).

NIGERIA

C.S.10 is to sail NIGERIA and three destroyers as detailed by R.A. (D) H.F. to arrive Skaalefiord and complete with fuel by 2000/26. (C. in C. H.F. 1901B/22).

KENYA

My 1526B/21. On passing latitude 62° N. on the return passage KENYA is to be detached to Skaale Fiord to refuel, arriving about 2000/26. (C. in C. H.F. 1903B/22 to R.A.M.L.)

Operations.

Kolbeinsey Islands. Proposed bombardment.

Your 1141B/21. Approved, subject to concurrence of N.O.i/c Iceland. (F.O.C. 18th C.S. 0858B/22 to MANCHESTER.)

M.T.B. engagement off Etaples.

At about 0200 today whilst on offensive patrol M.T.B.5 (with S.O. 11th Flotilla embarked) and M.T.B.71 encountered several enemy escort vessels off Etaples on Northerly course.
A short and indecisive gun action was fought without any suitable torpedo target being sighted.
M.T.B.71 has one killed and one slightly injured and suffered slight superficial damage.
No damage or casualties to M.T.B.5.
(V.A. Dover 1155B/22).

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British Air Activity.

Patrols. My 1122/22. P R U R/C: of Kristiansand South now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1630/22). Ops. 682/22/6. It is proposed to institute the following Patrols in the vent of an attempted break-in of an Enemy ship. Details. Patrol WALRUS to be re-named FOX. New Patrols TRAP and LONGSTOP described. (H.Q.C.C. 2120/22). See Summaries Folder.

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.S. Help BOOTY GKUF 0223. (URSULA 0003/22). Fighters have been despatched to assist Convoy BOOTY. (Nore, 0013/22).

S.S.SKUM Great Yarmouth 22/6 departure Tug DIVERSION to assistance of S.S. SKUM at 0143. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0145B/22, C. in C. Nore 0351B/22)

Orkneys bombed. BEECH sunk. Aircraft passed low over the Orkneys early a.m./22 Two bombs were dropped near Kirkwall and one man killed by Machine-gun fire from aircraft. Ground defences were in action. During the raid H.M. Minesweeper BEECH anchored at Scrabster was bombed and sank immediately. Eight survivors reported. (A.C.O.S. 0540/22).

A/C off Tiumpan Head. At 0230 trawler LOCH AWE 3 miles E.N.E. from Tiumpan Head reports hearing plane and loud explosion. Tiumpan Head lighthouse confirms plane, Aultbea confirms A/A fire during same period. N.O.I.C. Stornoway 1251B/22).

SCHIELAND (Bombed 20/6) Position of wreck: (C. in C. Nore, 2315B/22).

Convoy B.B.37 Convoy B.B. being bombed position 51° 53' N. 5° 41' W. (BLANKNEY 2350/22).

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Mining.

ARROW (Mined 21/6)

My 2347/21. If in no danger of sinking intend to anchor ARROW on arrival at No.20 buoy until completion of 'LL' and S.A. search approx. 0700/22. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 0114/22).
ARROW anchored at 20 buoy.
(N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0430/22).
ARROW arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Middlesbrough 1015/22).

Mine off Southwold

Mine believed acoustic exploded by sweepers in 52° 18' N. 1° 58' E. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0212B/22, 1113B/22).
M/S GALVANI reports having exploded acoustic Mine 1 mile S.10 E. of No.54 E. Buoy.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0450B/22).
Acoustic mine exploded 159° No. 54 E. buoy one mile also contact mine 198° 54 E. buoy 12 cables.
(C. in C. Nore 0531B/22 to D.16, MACKAY, EGLINTON.)
M/S operations night of 21st/22nd Oropesa search 60% S.A. sweep 80' areas C and D. Acoustic mines number not yet confirmed exploded 1 mile 170° 54 E. buoy. M/S operations today S.A. sweep ahead of F.S.21. (Cdr. M/S A/P. Lowestoft 1015B/22).
My 1015B/22 following received from Cdr. M/S A/P at sea. Begins: Only one mine exploded during operations. Almost certainly acoustic but doubt exists. Ends. (Cdr. M/S. A/P. Lowestoft 1255/22).

Medway.

Medway closed owing to suspected mining.
(C. in C. Nore, 0449B/22).

N.L.1.

My A5/579/41 of 12/6 para. 4. Intend to lay N.L. one tonight. (V.A. Dover, 1241B/22).

S.A.Trawlers for Rosyth Escort Force.

Admiralty 2337/21.
The nine S.A. fitted Oropesa trawlers from the Rosyth command are being assembled at the Tyne. Commencing with F.S.23 F.O.I.C. Tyne is requested to sail one pair to sweep ahead of each south-bound convoy. Operating instructions.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1309/22).
My 1309/22. Every endeavour is to be made to fit these trawlers with balloons or failing this with kites before sailing. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1713/22).

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Mining.

S.A.Trawlers for Rosyth Escort Force. Contd.

Admiralty 2337/21 and my 1309/22.
Two of the nine S.A. fitted Oropesa trawlers are to be sailed as soon as possible for Sheerness to equalise the sweeping forces for north and southbound convoys.
Names to be reported.
(C. in C. Rosyth 2355/22 to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

S.N.70B.

Amend my 1116B/20 as follows.
(R.A. M.L. 1511B/22).

Southampton and Hamble River.

Following received from F.O.i/c Southampton begins:-
"A number of Parachute Mines and Bombs were dropped in Southampton during last night. Six Mines did not explode and are being dealt with by Admiralty Officers. One of these, beside No.5 Dry Dock, has already been rendered safe. Damage was caused to shed which has been burned out on a previous occasion. No other damage. One Mine fell near Hamble River entrance and is believed to have exploded, but sweeping operations are being conducted as a precaution. T.O.O. 1232/22". Ends. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1603B/22).

Harwich.

My 2147/21. At 2045B/21 one Mine exploded by Sweeper as follows. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1851B/22).

S.A.Destroyers on East Coast

A.L. T.O. 7530/41. Owing to the intensive acoustic mining of the swept channels on the East Coast, one destroyer fitted S.A. gear type A. or C. is always to be available, and two at short notice, in each of the Nore and Rosyth Commands.
2. It is further requested that you will report the shortest notice for S.A. sweeping at which destroyers can be held without embarking booms and disembarking pom-poms. (D.O.D. H. 1924B/22)

Enemy Intelligence.

German Main Units.

D.D.I.C. 1215B/22. See Lion Copy.

/6 M/V's.

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6 M/V's. off Brest	6 Merchant Vessels bearing 180° distance 5 miles course 270° - My position 47° 40' N. 5° 20' W. (A/C Duty L. 1335/22 to 19 Group H.Q.)
14 M/V's off Lorient	14 enemy merchant vessels bearing 090° 6 miles approx. course 16 (3) my position 47° 18' N. 6° 27' W. (O/C Duty W. 19 Group 1500/22) Enemy previously reported is accompanied by 2 Heinkel 115. (O/C Duty W. 19 Group 1550/22). Please signal composition of convoys reported in Aircraft Duty L's 1335 and Duty W's 1500 (both aircraft of 19 Group). (A.C.N.S. H. 2256B/22 to H.Q.C.C.)
NURNBERG	NURNBERG at Copenhagen p.m./20/6 in free harbour, alongside Malmo train ferry quay. Graded B.1. (N.A. Stockholm 2107/22).
11 M/V's.	S F S 11 Merchant vessels bearing 340° 20 miles steering 250°. My Position 47° 8' N. 5° 37' W. (A/C Duty Y. 2151/22 to 19 Group H.Q.)

Casualties and Defects.

WINCHELSEA	Have developed engine defect and am unable to maintain speed of escort. Intend returning to Londonderry. (WINCHELSEA 1400B/22, Capt. D. Londonderry 2151/22).

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North Atlantic.

? raider ALSTERUFER chased by MARSDALE attacked by Catalina.

Chasing suspicious vessel distant 15 miles. She was trying to make to N.E. when sighted at dawn speed about 13 knots resembles German ALSTERUFER. My position 36° 7' N. 18° 50' W. Vessel disappeared at 0905A in 35° 52' N. 18° 42' W. Speed 17 knots. (MARSDALE 0900A/22, 1130A/22, F.O.C.N.A. 1015A/22.)
Informing Ships and Authorities N.A. 2 Catalina aircraft leaving to search 1230B. (F.O.C.N.A. 1059B/22.)
My 1559A/22 and 2032. Carrying out the purport of my 1559A/22. FOXHOUND and Catalina aircraft will not now join you. (F.O.C.N.A. 1119A/22 to AVON VALE.)
W.D. Note. Code time is evidently wrong.
Establish patrol near 043° 00' 010° 40'. German raider ALSTERUFER reported in approx. 037° 40' 018° 00' at dawn/22 steer N.E. 16 knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 1136A/22 to P.33.)
At 0940A I sighted LADY HOGARTH 090° 12 miles. Made contact with her in 035° 55' N. 018° 27' W. at 1040A. She had seen nothing. Estimated suspicious vessel doubled West and will be in 036° 17' N. 018° 43' W. steering 040° at 1200A. (MARSDALE 1145/22 to F.O.C.N.A.)
It is believed that German ALSTERUFER is fitted as a supply ship. (D.D.I.C. 1225B/22 to F.O.C.N.A.)
AVON VALE may be used to intercept. It seems possible ship will go to Madeira.
2. Can you shadow by Catalina. (V.C.N.S. 1254B/22 to F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1059B/22 MARSDALE reports ship last seen in 035° 52' N. 018° 42' W. at 0905A speed about 17 knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 1331A/22, 1731A/22 to N.A. Stn.)
Proceed independently at best speed toward Madeira. Further instructions follow.
SPRINGTIDE continue with convoy to Freetown. (F.O.C.N.A. 1541A/22 to AVON VALE.)
My 1540A/22 MARSDALE reports sighting suspicious vessel in 035° 52' N. 018° 42' W. at 0905A/22 Ship may be proceeding to Madeira. Proceed to establish patrol to northward of Island and endeavour to intercept FOXHOUND will join you p.m./23. Catalina Aircraft has been ordered to assist patrol. Ship is believed to be Enemy Supply Ship. (F.O.C.N.A. 1559A/22 to AVON VALE. 1745A/22 to LADY HOGARTH.)
My 1559A LADY HOGARTH rendezvousing SILDRA in 033° 27' N. 017° 20' W. at 1200A/23 and escort to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1743/22 to AVON VALE.)

/My.....

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North Atlantic.

? raider ALSTERUFER chased by MARSDALE attacked by Catalina. Contd.

My 1523A/22 and my 1559A/22. Catalina flying boat was attacking enemy ship steering 45° 12 knots in 037° 17' N. 016° 20' W. at 1945A/22. Enemy ship is either armed merchant raider or supply vessel. FOXHOUND rejoin Capt. (D) 8. Capt. (D) 8. arrange R/V. (F.O.C.N.A. 2032A/22 to Capt. (D) 8., FOXHOUND 2117A/22 to North Atlantic Station).

CORBRAE KOS 10. KOS 11.

Departure 2000A. CORBRAE KOS 10 KOS 11 routed (details) thence direct to Freetown or as ordered by C. in C. S.A. Local escort ERIDGE until 2100A/24. E.T.A. Freetown 0900A/3/7. (F.O.C.N.A. 2130B/22 to Admty.)

My 2117A/22. Aircraft reported position of enemy at 2100A/22 037° 30' N. 016° 04' W. Aircraft attacked without result. (F.O.C.N.A. 2139A/22 to Capt. (D) 8.)
My 2139A/22. Two Catalina flying boats leaving 0001A/23 to carry out search for enemy ship. (F.O.C.N.A. 2213A/22 to 8th D.F.)
My 2139A/22 aircraft report P.C.S. of enemy ship at 2143A/22 037° 33' N. 015° 58' W. 045° 12 knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 2327A/22 to Capt. (D) 8.)

NORD ATLANTIC (German)

Returned to Vigo 0930/22 after loading fully from German tanker MAX ALBRECHT. Details of appearance. (Consul Vigo 0935/22, Coruna 2100/22).

TIRPITZ

Reported loading at Cartagena 6000 tons olive oil. (N.A. Madrid 1248/22 to F.O.C.N.A.)

FURIOUS

MARSDALE's 0900A/22. Sailing of destroyers to R/V with FURIOUS and later escort to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1202A/22 to Admty.)

Cable Operation.

Your 1226/17 approved.
(Admty. 2028B/22 to F.O.C.N.A.68).

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South Atlantic.

DESIRADE (Intercepted) 17/6.
My 2111/18. Damaged by sabotage PRETORIA CASTLE escorting to Walvis Bay arriving about 27/6. (C. in C. S.A. 1331N/22 to Admty.)

LONDON
Return Freetown when fuel situation requires. (C. in C. S.A. 1905N/22 to LONDON.)

CITY OF DURBAN
Return to Freetown. Route. (C. in C. S.A. 1925N/22 to CITY OF DURBAN.)

Takoradi harbour.
Your 1637/22/6. N.C.S.O. Takoradi reports harbour closed for 2 days from 21/6. (C. in C. S.A. Station, 1945N/22 to DRAGON).

GASCON
Re coal refused at Luanda. (C. in C. S.A. 2146N/22).

S.S. CRITON sunk.
S.S. CRITON reported at 1049 G.M.T./21 QQQQ 009° 06' N. 013° 40' W. suspicious vessel. CRITON had left with Convoy S.L.78 19/6 and even if had left convoy this seemed a most unlikely position being about 43' N.W. of Freetown and close inshore. It was thought longitude was in error and position should have been on convoy track from Freetown.
Sunderland was following on this track and SHROPSHIRE left to overtake convoy shortly after. Walrus aircraft sent up at 1500 reported at 1645/21 sunker merchant vessel about 7 miles south of CRITON position reported, masts and funnel showing above water, one empty boat and some wreckage about 6 miles away. BRILLIANT was sent out to investigate. That Walrus was not sent up sooner was due to misunderstanding for which I must accept entire responsibility.
Subsequently learnt that CRITON left convoy 1407 G.M.T./20 in 009 38 N. 015 20 W. Nothing more heard of CRITON and appears little doubt sunken M.V. is her. Appears probable that faulty navigation took her North and near French Coast was sighted by air patrol from Konakri intercepted by French Ship and sunk or sunk herself. Think it unlikely that enemy ship would have been in such position at that time. Air patrol at dawn 21st sighted nothing and at dusk 21st and dawn 22nd sighted nothing except sunk ship. CRITON had on board British crew and a token prize crew.
(C. in C. S.A. 2121N/22 to Adty.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Enemy Convoy attacked	P.C. and S. of enemy 5 destroyers 6 M/Vs. 000° Lampedusa 15 020° 7 knots. (A/C 8 H.S.Q. 0605Z/22 to B.T.G., Cdr. S.1., 0907B/22 to UNION, UNIQUE, UPRIGHT, A/C 0630Z/22, 0645Z/22, 1555Z/22). At 1930B/22. One merchant ship in two of second merchant ship with two escort vessels in 036° 00' 012° 10' course 300 two knots. (V.A. Malta 2132B/22 to UNION.)
URGE URSULA	My 1343B/19 URGE delayed 24 hours. Sailing URSULA p.m./24 for area L 035 20' 011 27' 342 30 70. (Comdr. (S)1, 0940B/22 to Capt. (S)1.).
CANADA	Your 2237C/21. Ship searched. Attitude friendly. Details. Nothing irregular discovered. Ship allowed to proceed. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1021/22 to C. in C. Med.)
Air Raid on Alexandra.	Op. Summary 377 up to 1200/22/6. Egypt. Night 20/21 June. 30 Enemy A/C bombed Alexandria harbour area for 2 hours. Slight damage few casualties.
CANADA (French Hospital Ship.)	Day 21/6. Sighted by A/C 200 miles north of Alexandria. Escorted Haifa by destroyer for examination. Night 20/21. R/C reported 5 small ships approaching Benghazi harbour. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1031/22 to Air Min.)
UNIQUE UNION UPRIGHT	To leave patrol for Marsamxett 26/6. Cancel my 1045B/21 to UNION. (Cdr. S.1., 1109B/22 to UNIQUE, UNION, UPRIGHT.)
Alexandria bombing.	Your 1412/14. From positions of mines and bombs it does not appear that there has been deliberate attack on civilian population. (Admty. 1741B/22 to C. in C. Med. 135.)
Benghazi bombed.	Night 21/22. 6 Wellington bombed Benghazi. Bombs on Giuliana and Cathedral Mole. One ship hit and reported on fire. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1834/22 to Air Min.)

/Malta.....

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Malta.	Night 21/22 June. 7 aircraft over only 1 stick on land. No damage no casualties. R/C 21/6. (details.)
Attack on Convoy.	Convoy 6 Medium M/V's 4 Drs. 2 M.T.B's. 23 miles North of Tripoli 1605/21, off Lampedusa 0645/22. 6 Blenheims attacked convoy off Lampedusa. 1 6000 ton M/V badly hit claimed severely damaged. Other bombs close misses. (H.Q. Malta, 1900/22).
JARVISIO and URANA passing Dardanelles.	Para. four of Ambassador's telegram No.1513 to Foreign Office regarding paragraph B. of S.O.(I) Istanbul telegram No.1150/11 to D.N.I. Turkish General Staff and Ministry of National Defence were visited almost daily during this period. (2) Both agreed that Italians had violated MONTREUX convention and had strongly advised Ministry of Foreign Affairs accordingly. (3) Decision and resulting action unfortunately rested with latter Ministry who are "Nigger in the wood pile". (A) Full report by next air opportunity. (N.A. Angora 1258/22)
ORION	Following programme intended for ORION. N.O.i/c Durban is requested to forward further programme for passages to U.K. (11) ORION has fuel capacity one thousand tons only. State of armament as follows. (C. in C. Med. 15320/22).
RAMB IV.	(Alleged Italian Hospital Ship.) Taken over 8/6 by C. in C. Med. No medical staff on board. Master and crew interned. Ship being fitted out as hospital carrier. Suggest Italian Govt. be informed. (C. in C. Med. 19380/22). See Lion Copy.
Italian Hospital Ships.	Non-recognition by H.M.G. of certain vessels as hospital ships. List of bona-fide hospital ships and treatment of same. (Admty. 2038B/22 to C. in C. Med.) See Lion Copy.

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Mediterranean.

Syria.

Air Operations.

R/C ended 1015/22 report no sign of (? enemy destroyers) between Beirut (corrupt group.) (? Corrupt group) believed one destroyer (? sunk in) Beirut (? harbour) (corrupt group) (? three) badly damaged no longer visible. One s/m seen in harbour this morning not observed this afternoon but may still be there. One M/V in harbour on fire. (N.O.I.C. Haifa via Malta 2010/22 to P.O.N.A. Etc.)

Air attack on Beirut. Destroyer hit.

Op. Summary up to 2000 hours 22/6.
11 squadron Blenheims dropped 24-250 pounds H.E on Vichy destroyer Beirut scored direct hit and vessel believed sunk. 4 sorties dropped 16-250 pounds H.E. and scored 1 hit on a merchant vessel alongside northern mole Beirut vessel set on fire. (H.Q. P.T.J., 2143/22).
X.5032.
829 Squadron Albacores and Swordfish 2 Sorties torpedo attack night 21-22 on destroyer. Result unknown bombed across Wharf Beirut result unknown. Fighter action 3 Squadron Tomahawks under contol 1 A.U.S. Corps 12 sorties ground attack on M.T. and Sweep. 1 sortie search up Syrian Coast for Destroyers negative result. (Jerusalem, 2143/22).
My 2010. Photos show what might be destroyers or s/ms. in harbour. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 2359/22).

East Indies.

ENTERPRISE

To leave Trincomalee a.m./23 and proceed Colombo to arrive a.m./24. (C. in C. E.I. 0724Z/22, Force T.)

CERES

My 0808/16 on completing with fuel at Port Victoria CERES is to escort IMPALA (now at Port Victoria to Colombo proceeding through 1 and ½ degrees Channel. (C. in C. E.I. 0730Z/22 to CERES).

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Details of berths, lighters etc. now available. (S.N.O. Red Sea. 1582/22).

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China.

COMPIEGNE — My 0307/21 ship released 21/6 and proceeding Saigon. (C.O.S. Singapore 0047Z/22).

HAKUSHU MARU — HAKUSHU MARU incident. (N.L.O. Shanghai 0217Z/22 to C. in C. China.) (See Lion Copy.)

LINOIS (French) — Saigon departure 21/6 for France. (Capt. Staff Singapore, 0932Z/22 to Admty.)

Vichy France. — Action to be taken in the event of war or general hostilities with Vichy France. (Admty. 2034B/22 to C. in C. China.) See Operations Volume.

America and West Indies.

OSAGE — S.O.S. aground Fox Island. (Valentia Radio 0500/22 Admty.)

F.O.I.C. Trinidad — Flag of Admiral Sir Michael Hodges hoisted as F.O.I.C. Trinidad a.m./22. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1003Q/22).

CANTON — Leave Bermuda 22/6 and proceed Freetown to arrive 1200N/6/7. Route. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1042Q/21 to CANTON).

SALVAGE VON TIRPITZ — Following information given by German electrician on board SALVAGE is reported for what it is worth. Electrician was not a Nazi and appeared to be sincere.
SALVAGE to have attended on BISMARCK and VON TIRPITZ to leave Germany between 1/7 and 8/7. (C. in C. A. & W.I. 1111Q/22 to Admty.)

St. Johns N.F. — Necessity for developing the base. (C. in C. W.A. 1226B/22). See Lion Copy.

DOLABELLA NAILSEA MANROT SKELDERGATE — DOLABELLA arrives from H.X.133 in collision with NAILSEA MANROT, SKELDERGATE from H.X.133 collision damage. (N.O.I.C. Halifax (?) 1520Z/22 to Admty.)

/Shipping.....

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America & West Indies.

Shipping Routes. All shipping should be routed well clear of an area within 100 miles of 30 degs. North 40 degs. West. (C. in C. A. & W.I. 1553Q/22.)

ROYAL SOVEREIGN B.A.R.M's 2340/21. To return to U.K. temporarily. Arrangements. (Admty. 1659B/22 to C. in C. A. & W.I.813 etc.)

SURCOUF Orders for patrol to intercept Enemy Raiders and supply ships. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1901Q/22).

CARADOC Reports that starboard turbine shows evidence of bad stripping and is out of action. Ship has been ordered to Bermuda. (C. in C. A. & W.I. 1902Q/22.)

WARSPITE WARSPITE will be accepted first week in August. (B.A.R.M. 2355/22 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

EMPIRE DEW (torpedoed 12/6) — Arrived ST.ALBANS (with survivors). (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0451B/22).

GANDA (Torpedoed 20/6) — (Portuguese en route Angola torpedoed by unknown submarine 1830 G.M.T./20 in 34° 10' N. 11° 40 W. (N.A. Lisbon 1909/22).

Submarines Reported.

1848 G.M.T. — By D/F probably homeward bound, approx. 45° 00' N. 10° 30' W. (D.D.I.C. 2123B/22.)

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C 0636-0829 — Am over enemy submarine in 56.17 N., 9.09 W., (? on course 220° 1 knot) 471 4(?)0 473 3. (A/C D. Group 15, 0636/22 to call sign F.9.D.)
My 0626. 56.18 N., 9.08 W. (A/C D., 0730/22).
Am investigating suspicious oil patch in 56.18 N., 9.02 W. have attacked enemy with depth charges (+473 7). (A/C D., 0829/22)
Have attacked enemy with D.Cs. Estimate no hits. (A/C Home Duty L., 1842/22).

By VISENDA — U/B Engaged/on surface 1600/22 in 062° 24' N. 014° 20' W. Lost contact and returned Thorshaven. Capt. of VISENDA killed and several injured. Believed submarine was hit before submerging. (C. in C. W.A. 1614/22, N.O.I. Iceland 1519Z/22, VISENDA 1600/22, 1611/22, SONT 1757B/22, to 10 C.S. 2156B/22).

By NIGERIA on 21/6. — (A) NIGERIA (B) 1333B 21st June (C) 063° 13' N. 014° 34' W. (D) three (E) hunt not carried out. Doubtful if contact was submarine. (NIGERIA 2034B/22).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Instructions have been issued for the treatment of Shipping in the event of war with Vichy France.

British Air Operations.

45 aircraft of Bomber Command attacked targets at Bremen last night. Light attacks were made on other German naval bases.

A/S Air escort will be discontinued for ships and convoys between Flamborough Head and Kinnaird Head as from today, unless circumstances render it necessary.

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy F.N. 83 was attacked at 0005 off Sheringham. S.S. TRELISSICK was sunk. It is believed the escort and convoy shot down one aircraft. Intermittent raids were continued throughout the night, without success.

M/S Group 11 was attacked by aircraft off Foulness at 0001 today and NOGI was sunk. It is reported that M/S Tr. SOLON shot down the attacking A/C.

H.M.S. PRINCE PHILIPPE was unsuccessfully attacked off the Needles and H.M.S. PRINCE CHARLES off the Start.

Mining.

Operation S.N. 70B.

R.A.M. sailed from Port SA at 1900B today with 2 minelayers and 3 destroyers, to lay mines south of the Faroes. KENYA and ARETHUSA are to provide A.A. escort and to cover the operation.

/Mining.....

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Mining-Contd.

Mining of East Coast War Channel.

PYTCHLEY was mined and damaged this morning off Flamborough Head. M.V. CAMROUX II was damaged by mine off the Humber this evening. Mines were detonated off the Tyne and both magnetic and acoustic mines off Yarmouth. S.S. HULL TRADER in Convoy F.N. 83 was sunk by mine or bomb near 57 C Buoy in the early hours of today.
A high percentage S.A. search of the War Channel off Flamborough Head has been ordered to be carried out tomorrow morning.

Thames Estuary.

Enemy aircraft laid mines in the Thames Estuary early this morning and further mines were detonated.

North Atlantic.

The German ALSTERUFER was located again this afternoon by destroyers of the 8th D.F. and scuttled herself 200 miles S.W. of Finisterre. Survivors included about 44 British.

South Atlantic:

S.L. Convoys are for the present to sail without cruiser escort.

Mediterranean.

A successful surprise attack on flying boats moored at Syracuse was made by 4 Hurricanes from Malta at dawn today.

2 Blenheims attacked unsuccessfully a 2500 ton merchantman near Kerkenah, but forced the crew to abandon ship. Blenheims were sent out again to sink her.

/About.....

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Mediterranean.-Contd.

About 17 enemy aircraft attacked Alexandria from 0315 to 0515 today, WARSPITE was slightly damaged by near miss.

Turkish S.S. REFAH carrying a submarine crew to Egypt for onward passage to U.K. was mined or torpedoed and sunk at 2230 today 40 miles South of Mersin.

Palestine and Syria.

In the early hours of today NAIAD, LEANDER, JAGUAR, KINGSTON and NIZAM encountered two French destroyers and secured several hits on them before the enemy retired behind smoke screen under the guns of Nahr el Kelb which opened fire. Damaged destroyers were seen later in Beirut.

East Indies.

A combined operation at Kut has been completed and all vessels and craft returned to Basra this morning.

U-Boat Campaign.

HX 133.

WOLFE, escorting HX 133 called Louisberg and Halifax W/T four times between 0145Z and 0151Z, with every indication of priority emergency. No message was received and no further signal heard from the ship after being called. It is suspected that HX 133 is being shadowed by U.B.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

VICTORIOUS. Your 1216B/31/5 and Admty's 1531B/7/6. VICTORIOUS is now allocated to Home Fleet as an operational carrier.
2. Request you will issue the necessary orders to sail her for Scapa when ready. (A.C.N.S. H. 1216B/23)

War with Vichy France. Instructions for treatment of Shipping in event of war with Vichy. (War Cabinet 1301B/23) See Operations Volume.

Portland. Need for an M.L.Flotilla. A.M.1529/21. No M.L.'s are now operationally available at Portland. The 4th M.L. Flotilla has been fully employed on air sea rescue work covering of convoys, and patrol work. In view of importance of maintaining these essential commitments, the reinstitution of an M.L. Flotilla at Portland is highly desirable. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1717B/23)

Holyhead Auxiliary Patrol. Propose withdrawing Auxiliary Patrol at Holyhead and Menai Straits at present maintained by Auxiliary patrol yachts. Request your remarks. (C. in C.W.A. 1754B/23 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Movements.

VANQUISHER. LEGION. LANCE. Detach VANQUISHER to Londonderry at limit of prudent endurance.
2. Fuel permitting retain LEGION, LANCE till relieved by 8th D.F. then to Clyde. (C. in C.W.A. 1626B/23 to VURIOUS.)

Clyde - Iceland Ferry. VISENDA engaged U.Boat in 062° 24' N. 014° 20' W. D.S.6 alter course forthwith to 270° for 4 hours then rejoin route. (C. in C.W.A. 1614/23 to CHARLESTOWN, ST. MARY'S.)

VICTORIOUS. It would be appreciated if 3 of your destroyers could escort VICTORIOUS from Clyde to Scapa sailing on 28/6. (C. in C. H.F. 1720B/23 to R.A.M.L.)

/C. in C.H.F. .....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

VICTORIOUS contd. C. in C. H.F. 1720. Only destroyers available are CHARLESTOWN and ST. MARY'S ordered R/V with PORT QUEBEC at Bar lightship at 1530/23 and escort her to Port Z.A. Delay of arrival of PORT QUEBEC at Port Z.A until 2/7 can be accepted if it is desired divert these 2 destroyers to escort VICTORIOUS. (R.A.M.L. 1731B/23)

CUMBERLAND. My 2302B/17. Request you will station escorting destroyers as follows. Details. (C. in C. Nore 1750B/23 to C. in C.H.F.)

Operations.

East Coast Patrols. Your 1002. Intend sailing following M.L.'s on patrol tonight. Patrol (1) 206, 222, 224. Patrol (2) 200, 195, 196 to arrive Patrol at dark. (P.O. Yarmouth 1504B/23)

British Air Activity.

Patrols. P.R.U. for Bergen and Oslo now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1122/23)
Patrol TROST and Pru of Stavanger in Operation. (C..in C. Rosyth 1406/23)

Escort for S.N.70 B. Air Co-operation for S.N.70 B. to be provided as follows. Details. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1250/23 to R.A.M.L.)

Bremen, Emden, Wilhelmshaven bombed. Attacks on night 22/23. Details. (H.Q.B.C.1611/23)

A/S Escorts. A/S air escort will be discontinued for ships and convoys between Flamborough Head and Kinnaird Head as from 23/6. A/S air escort will continue to be provided as ordered from 18 Group daily between Kinnaird Head and Cape Wrath. A/A air escort will be provided over whole area where necessary. (C. in C. Rosyth 1825/23)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.N.33. TRELISSICK (British 5265 Tons) sunk.

Convoy bombed in 53° 6' N. 1° 19' E. (VORTIGERN 0032B/23)
At 0050/23 TRELISSICK bombed and sunk in about 114° Sheringham Buoy 5½ miles. 44 survivors, believed entire crew in PYTCHLEY will be landed at Middlesbrough or Tyne. Nine injured 3 seriously. (C. in C. Nore. 0521B/23)
Life raft still secured to wreck. Position 4.1 miles 068° from Sheringham Buoy or about 53° 7' N. 1° 24' 15" E. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 2222/23)

Pentland Firth.

At 0058 Hostile aircraft were plotted to N.E. of Orkneys and at 0114 others were approaching from East of Wick. Red warning was issued at 0117 and bombs were dropped at Start Port Sunday, one in sea off Duncansby Head, and others at Sarcelit. Planes then made away to Eastward. At no time did hostile planes pass over the Flow. Visibility was not more than half a mile. (A.C.O.S. 0221/23)

NOGI (M/S Trawler) sunk.

Departure tug DIVERSION at 0240 to assist NOGI bombed in 52° 57' N. 01° 28' E. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0243B/23)

M/S Trawler No.61 bombed at about 0100 near 8 A. Buoy has since foundered. Survivors in SOLON will be landed at Yarmouth. (C. in C. Nore 0521B/23)
Group 11 was attacked by A/C near 8 A Buoy at 0001 today. NOGI was near missed. SOLON and CONTENDER took her in tow, but she subsequently foundered in 52° 59½' N. 1° 25' E. at 0140B. A/C was destroyed by SOLON. 3 casualties. Names. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1140B/23)

SKUM (Bombed 22/6.

(Norwegian, 1504 Tons) Arrival Tug KROONAN towing S.S. SKUM. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0805B/23)

Convoy REVIEW.

Help REVIEW in 50° N. 4° W. 270° 17 miles, 1323. (PRINCE CHARLES 1228/23.)
Fighters have been sent to assist REVIEW. (Plymouth 1320/23)

/PRINCE .....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Air Activity. - Contd.

PRINCE PHILIPPE. — Needles bombed no damage. (PRINCE PHILIPPE, 1230/23)

QUEENWORTH (Bombed 9/5) — (Q) Wreck of QUEENWORTH in 53° 33' 58" N. 1° 0' 29" E. (FRANKLIN 1816B/23)

Mining.

Convoy F.N.83. HULL TRADER (British 717 tons) sunk. — Please confirm that HULL TRADER was sunk by mine and not by bombs. Are survivors in PYTCHLEY. (C. in C. Nore. 0459B/23 to PYTCHLEY.)
HULL TRADER sunk by Mine or Bomb at about 0200 in about 270° 57 C. Buoy 1 mile. Only 3 survivors. These are in PYTCHLEY. (C. in C. Nore 0521B/23.)
Confirm that HULL TRADER was mined one mile West of 57 C Buoy. (C. in C. Nore 0911B/23 to PYTCHLEY.)

B.S.65. — B.S.65 to be carried out on 25/6 if practicable. Destroyer escort will R/V with you at Humber L.V. Request programme. (C. in C. Nore 1244B/23 to TEVIOT BANK.)
Intend to sail from Spurn Point at 0600/25 and R/V at Humber L.V. with escort at 0700. Laying begins 1245. Return to 11 Buoy and thence to Humber. S. of A. 11½ knots. (TEVIOT BANK 1622B/23)

Thames Estuary. — One S.A. Mine detonated at 0600/23 as follows. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 0942/23.)
Summary of explosions etc. on night 22/23.
4 Parachute Mines definitely observed as follows.
5 Objects possibly mines heard to drop as followd.
Heavy underwater explosions were felt by a ship near B.5 Buoy at 0150, 0222 and 0237.
At 0157 a big explosion in mid air was noticed over Haplinge Area.
R.D.F. plots and observations of aircraft indicated possible minelaying in Knob Channel, Gunfleet Area, and Barrow Deep, north east of B.5 Buoy. (S.O.T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1802/23)

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Burnham.	N.A.B. ALOHA reports enemy aircraft laid mines in Whittaker Channel early this morning two of which reported exposed on Foulness Sands. (R.N.O. Burnham 0945/23).
Off Southwold.	2 "LL" Trawlers detonated 2 red magnetic mines in 052° 19' 10" N, 001° 58' E. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1224B/23).
Straits of Dover.	Fourteen Vegatables 30 (S) 20 were laid at 0130/23 as follows. (V.A. Dover 1315B/23).
CAMROUX II (British, 324 Tons). damaged.	Damaged by mine approx. 1 mile N.E. of No. 17 buoy. No casualties. (F.O. Humber 2253B/23).
Search off Flamborough Head.	My 2355/22. From 0800/24 four S.A. fitted Oropesa trawlers are to carry out a high percentage S.A. search of QZS 120 and QZS 121 between 54° 05' N. and 54° 10' N. (C. in C. Rosyth 1609/23).
Tyne.	At 0650/23 one S.A. Mine detonated as follows. Details. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1654/23).
Yarmouth.	L.L. Sweepers detonated two red mines four and five cable approximately from 54 E. Buoy. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1655B/23).
PYTCHLEY damaged.	PYTCHLEY mined 1130 in position 09°. Flamborough Head 2 miles. Being towed Hartlepool. No casualties. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1721/23 to PYTCHLEY, C. in C. Rosyth 1900/23).

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Enemy Intelligence.

Main Units.	Photographic R/C on 22/6 showed:- Bremen 1315 SEYDLITZ at Usual berth. Copenhagen 1625 I NURNBERG Class Cruiser. Copenhagen Southern Approaches 1625 SCHLESIEN. (D.D.I.C. 0918B/23).
Unknown Unit.	By D/F at 0859/23 G.M.T. position of unknown enemy unit was 51° 30' N. 2° 30' E. Position is indication of the area.only. (D.D.I.C. 1150B/23)
Finnish M/V.	Master of PLUTO intercepted 2330/21 bound for Petsamo from U.S.A. in 067° 41' N. 061° 52' W. reports possibility of 1 other Finnish vessel approximately week behind him passing 40 miles west of Cape Farewell thence following ice edge to northward of Iceland. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1213Z/23 to MANCHESTER).
Brest.	Photographic R/C of Brest at 1300B/23 shows SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU, and PRINZ EUGEN still present. (D.D.I.C. 1644B/23).
Warship Movements.	(1) One large warship and destroyers passed Korsor at slow speed proceeding south 16/6. B.2. (ii) Eight German U-boats expected Helsingfors Skerries 19/6. B.3. (N.A. Stockholm 1907/23).

Casualties and Defects.

ADVANCE (Air Rescue Vessel) lost by fire.	Probable total loss by fire whilst engaged in search for fallen aircraft off Shoreham at 0515/23 All crew saved. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 0855/23).
VETERAN.	Has proceeded up harbour with defects. (Capt. D. Londonderry 1050/23).

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PERILIA (M/S Trawler)	Arrived with steering defects and requiring bunkers. (N.O.I.C. Oban 1232B/23).
Peterhead Breakwater.	Following received from N.O.I.C. Peterhead. At 1010/23 Warhead Mines N.I and II embedded in S. Breakwater exploded by lightning. No damage to ships. 25 ft. of Breakwater demolished to depth of 15 feet. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1255/23).
M.T.B. 105.	Will be out of action for a further period owing to torpedo tube defects sustained during S.M.D. VERNON's Trial. (HORNET 1410/23).
B.P.T. 31.	Tug KINGS CROSS arrived Fraserburgh with half of B.P.T. 31 in tow. Other half reported lost off Duncansby Head. See D. of S.T. Message 2138B/ 18/6. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1700/23).

Co-operation with Russia.

Russian request for Information.	Admiral Isakov, Chief of Naval Staff, requests an answer tofollowing questions as to naval co-operation. (N.A. Moscow 1800/23). See Operations -Volume.

Shipping and Convoys.

OB and OG Convoys.	Proposed cycle of sailings. (C. in C.W.A. 1453B/23, 1818B/23) See Lion copy.
FN and FS Convoys.	Forecast of sailings. (C. in C. Rosyth 1600/23) See Lion Copy.
HX 133.	By D/F at 1335/23 G.M.T. position of enemy U-boat was approx. 54° N. 42° W. This U-boat probably sighted Convoy HX 133. Convoy is to alter course drastically to port at dusk so as to displace it laterally 40 miles. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1757B/23 to WOLFE etc.).

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North Atlantic.

Sinking of ALSTERUFER.

P.C. and S. (FOXHOUND 0001/23).
My 0027B/23 my P.C. and S. at 1730A/23 will be 040° 53' 013° 17' 092° 18 knots. Join me before dark. Final R/V with FURIOUS. (Capt. (D) 8 0105B/23 to FOXHOUND).
My 2327A/22. Aircraft lost touch at 0030A/23. Enemy's course 045° at that time. (F.O.C.N.A. 0123A/23 to Capt. (D) 8).
My 2327A/22. Photograph confirms ALSTERTOR Class. Description. (F.O.C. N.A. 1303A/23 to Capt. (D) 8)
One Merchant Vessel bearing 285° distance 12 miles course 020°. My position 41° 12' N. 31° 10' W. (FURY 1442/23).
Following from ALSTERTYR? We have British prisoner on board and letter for you please send boat Ends. Am distant 20 miles ? 238°. (Capt. (D) 8 1601A/23 to Admty.).
1 M.V. bearing 231. Distance 15. Approx. Course 030. My position 325° 41° N. 13° W. 27 miles; (Gibraltar 1605A/23).
-Daily Summary Ops. 3 surface R/C's to locate bomb and shadow German raider. 22/6. First aircraft located ALSTERUFER at 1845 dropped 3 bombs. No hits. 2near misses. Aircraft damaged by Flak. Second Aircraft located raider at dark, dropped 4 bombs. No bursts seen. First aircraft shadowed. Second returned. Shadow lost contact midnight. 2 aircraft in area down 23/6 to locate, bomb and shadow, did not locate. Further R/C off DOON. Ship located by destroyers 1505. Recco X aircraft closing. Times G.M.T. (200 Group 1700/23).
Raider sunk. Proceed to Gibraltar by original route. Arrangements. (F.O.C.N.A. 2136A/23 to P.33, 2238A/23 to N.A. Station.)
My 1059B/22. Capt. D. 8th D.F. reports enemy ship sunk. (F.O.C.N.A. 2155A/23 N.A. Stn., C. in C. Plymouth and W.A.)

ATLAS (German).

Sailed night of 21st/22nd from Valencia. (F.O.C.N.A. 0238A/23 to 0.24).

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MAX ALBRECHT. (German Tanker). — My 2100/22 MAX ALBRECHT at Ferrol is now apparently empty. (Coruna 1115/23 to Admty.)

BEAUCE. — Reported that French tanker BEAUCE formerly British MARYAD now at Tunis is being handed to Italy. Italian crew just arrived believed to be sailing 21/6. French Residency denies any official knowledge. (C.G. Tangier 1250/23).

French Vessels. — 1900/21 off Cape Carvoeiro a French Destroyer A (? Syrian) and two French merchant vessels course N.E. 5 knots. (N.A. Lisbon 1628/23 to D.N.I).

Gibraltar. — Communications under siege conditions. (F.O.C.N.A. 1734B/23 to Adty.) See Lion Copy.

FURIOUS. — My 1202/22. Capt. (D) 8th D.F. in (? FAULKNOR) with FEARLESS, FOXHOUND, FORESTER, FURY ordered to R/V with you in daylight A.M/24. Estimate your P.C. and S. at 1200A/24 is 039° 05' N. 014° 05' W. 142° 22 Knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 2118A/23 to FURIOUS).

South Atlantic.

BIRMINGHAM. — Adty. 1323/21. After escorting W.S.9A to Durban BIRMINGHAM to go to Simonstown for refit about 8/7 before sailing to relieve NEWCASTLE. (C. in C. S.A. 0031N/23 to Admty. etc.).

S.S. TEKOA. — Fire on board 21/6 slight damage, indications of sabotage exist. (D.A.M.S.O. Buenos Aires 1015/23).

LOVSTAD. — Overdue shipping. Cancel my 0847/21. LOVSTAD arrived Durban. (S.O.(I) Cape Town 1221/23).

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Enemy Shipping. Rio de Janeiro reports Italian HIMCOOTEYA has commenced to load. German FRANKLIN loading with all despatch and should be ready for sea at any time after 25/6. German HERMES has resumed loading. Appears not unlikely two latter ships will sail together this week. (S.O.(I). Montevideo 1555Z/23 to S.A.D).

PANAMA MASCOT. Overdue shipping your 1636/21 Yacht PANAMA MASCOT arrived Pernambuco 23/6. (N.S.O.I. Montevideo 1634/23 to N.S.O.(I) Freetown).

HERMES. Your 1656/22 HERMES never moved. Still alongside. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro 1809Z/23 to R.A.S.A.D).

Lagos. Cancel DRAGON's 0855/23 Port of Lagos is still closed. (C. in C. S.A. 2011N/23 to N.C.S.O. Takoradi).
DRAGON advises Lagos again closed, prior to which following vessels sailed for Lagos. (N.C.S.O. Takoradi 2315Z/23 to C. in C.S.A).

S.L. Convoys. In existing circumstances intend that S.L. Convoys should for the present sail without cruiser escort. (D.O.D.(F) 2327B/23 to C. in C.S.A)

Mediterranean.

Malta. Tonnage capacity of port in relation to stocks of supplies necessary. (Gov. and C. in C. Malta 0030/23 to War Office) See Lion Copy.

Situation Report No. 64. Syria. Hospital ship CANADA was intercepted by surface forces and escorted to Haifa. Report not yet received.
2. F.A.A. aircraft with torpedoes attacked three destroyers anchored North of Beirut night 21/22 not hit seen but a.m/22 aircraft R/C reports "no sign of enemy destroyer between Beirut and Alexandretta. Still believed one destroyer sunk in Beirut Harbour anyhow badly damaged and no longer visible". No confirmation.

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Situation Report No. 64-Contd.	3. Western Desert. F.A.A. aircraft 826 Squadron successfully bombed MT concentrated near Bardia on four nights 15th to 18th. All aircraft returned. 4. Alexandria. LATONA has arrived and been unloaded. (C. in C. Med. 00430/23).
Intelligence.	4 Merchant ships 2 Destroyers due Naples 2359B/23 from Marittimo area. (Cdr. (S) I 1025B/23 to SEVERN).
CACHALOT.	C.M.D.R. (s) 1 1116B/20. H.M.S. REGENT. Orders for proceeding to Malta. (Capt. (S) 1 1101C/23 to CACHALOT).
Ship torpedoed in Benghazi.	Situation Report No. 61. Particularly requested that no mention be made of ship in Benghazi torpedoed by a S/M. (C. in C. Med. 1103C/23 to Adty.).
THRASHER.	Orders for proceeding to Malta (V.A. Malta 1212B/23) See Lion Copy.
Personnel in unescorted ships.	Ref. C. in C. Med. 1648/18, Adty's 1937/19 would appreciate report of details of evacuation scheme referred to as Foreign Office state that it is not intended that there should be any general evacuation and that they have no knowledge that any large scale evacuation scheme is under way. (D. of S.T. 1247B/23 to P. S.T.O. Egypt.).
Attack on convoy by UNBEATEN 16/6.	UNBEATEN reports at 0819/16 in 37 51, 15 26, sighted large liner escorted by (corrupt group) Cant steering Southwards identified as OCEANA or NEPTUNA apparently forming seaward screen to Convoy of 3 small M.V's. UNBEATEN fired dispersed salvo 2 hits were heard.

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Attack on convoy by UNBEATEN 16/6.-Contd.	0926 9 depth charges dropped some way off by vessel which sounded like trawler. UNBEATEN retired deeply for 2½ hours. 1200 On taking first look since firing nothing could be seen. 1215 Two heavy explosions heard which shook the S/M, nothing in sight. Sinking of liner cannot be claimed definitely but two mark eight torpedoes definitely hit a ship but possibility remains that Convoy beyond liner was hit though most unlikely since running range too short. (S.O.S/Ms Malta 1335B/23).
Alexandria.	Air-raid 0315 to 0515. About 17 planes and bombs over wide area. Some incendiaries. Damage to houses and civilians. (R.A. Alexandria 1558C/23).
Operations by 0.24.	Tanker sunk by 0.24 in 043° 08' 010° 28' on 12/6 was southbound and laden. On same day 500 ton sailing vessel was sunk in 043° 44' 009° 21'. Considerable traffic sighted hugging coast in the vicinity Leghorn attacks unsuccessful owing to torpedoes breaking surface, A/S and air activity very slight except near Spezzia where Motor A/S boats employed. No evidence of Asdics no depth charges dropped. Gulf of Lyons area patrol spoilt by fog. Intend sailing Netherland submarine 0.23 similar patrol p.m./25. (F.O.C.N.A. 1610A/23 to C. in C. Med.).
Malta, Air Operations.	East Tunisian Coast sighted convoy previously attacked by Blenheims reported in my 1383 22/6. Confirmed 2 ships heavily damaged. Dawn 23/6 4 Hurricanes successfully attacked flying boats moored Syracuse. Attack complete surprise. 2 Blenheims attacked MV 2500 tons near Kerkenah. No direct hits seen. Crew took to boats MV stopped. Blenheims made machine gun attack. No opposition. Blenheims out again to sink it. (H.Q. Malta 1620/23).
ATLAS. (German).	Left Marseilles 21/6. (Valencia T.H.I. 2250/23).

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Palestine and Syria.

Shipping Protection. Request you assign PEONY to arrive Haifa 0800/25. On relief PEONY N.O.I.C. Haifa is to sail HYACINTH for Famagusta to act under orders of N.O.I.C. Cyprus for protection of shipping escorting ships to Cape Andreas and Cape Gata. (C. in C. Med. 1107/23 to R.A. (D) Med.).

1st B.S. Detach two destroyers to join 1st B.S. off Alexandria a.m./26 as ordered by B.S.1. 2 Relief Destroyers will join you a.m/27. (C. in C. Med. 16410/23 to C.S.15).

Situation Report No. 65. Syria. Two French destroyers encountered at 0148/23 10 miles north of Beirut by NAIAD, LEANDER JAGUAR, KINGSTON, NIZAM. Both French destroyers hit several times before retiring behind smoke screen under guns of Nahr el Kelb which opened fire.
2. My 0043/23 para. 2. Photographs show three destroyers two submarines one sloop in Beirut Harbour at 1515/22. One destroyer apparently damaged.
3. Western Desert. Four destroyers continue to run supplies to Tobruk working in pairs and unloading by night.
4. Submarines. My 0020/20 TAKU also bombarded El Breca (Sirte) Battery at 0400/9. Ship sank in Gergha had petrol and ammunition on board.
5. Malta. See H.Q. Malta (?900/22) for quantities of Blenheims.
6. Alexandria. Air raid by about twenty aircraft from (?0015) to 0500/23. WARSPITE near missed two (bulles (?bulges) flooded but damage not serious. Other bombs scattered in town. One big fire but very few casualties. (C. in C. Med. 2247/23).

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East Indies.

Kut Operations.	My 0722/6. Kut operation completed and all vessels and craft returned Basrah. (C. in C. E.I. 0734Z/23 to Adty.).
GLASGOW.	A.M. 1808/21 Request early information of date when GLASGOW should arrive. Ship is at Colombo. (C. in C.E.I. 1056Z/23 to R.A. Malaya).
GLENEARN.	Your 0642/17 suitable berth can be arranged. (C. in C. Red Sea Force 1156Z/23 to C. in C.E.I). ? 1642/17 intended ...e towage GLENEARN to Bombay.

China.

S.S. YUSANG.	Re. boarding by Japanese. (Cdre. Hong Kong 0655Z/23) See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

Belle Isle passage.	Your 1950B/20. Reference Belle Isle (A) now (B) 10/7. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 1206Z/23 to Adty.)
VAN KINSBERGEN.	Adty. 1546B/23. See Operations Volume.
SURCOUF.	Reply to Adty. 1501B/23. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1841Q/23 to Admty.) See Operations Volume. My 1901Q/22. SURCOUF will not sail pending further instructions. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1842Q/23 to SURCOUF).
H.X. 133.	A.M. 1757B/23 (See Shipping) Can you send a Catalina to assist HX 133? (A.C.N.S. (T) 1913B/23 to C.C. N.F).
Convoy H.X. 135.	Arrangements for escort in absence of A.M.C. (R.A.5 1921P/23).
CHURCHILL.	E.T.A. St. Johns 0800Z/24. Urgent evaporator defects. (CHURCHILL 2230Z/23).

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Australia.

CANBERRA.
AUSTRALIA.

Your 1525B/20. To be sailed for Fremantle 6/7.
To join E.I. Station at Ceylon on 12/7.
(A.C.N.B. Melbourne 0652Z/23 to Admty.).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

GANDA (torpedoed 20/6). — My 1909/22 can I confirm to Portuguese authorities and Press that no British submarine in vicinity. (N.A. Lisbon 1027/23 to F.O. Gibraltar). Your 1109/22. S/M not British. (F.O.C.N.A. 1204/23 to N. A. Lisbon). Your 1027/23. No British submarine in vicinity. (D.N.I. 1736B/24 to N.A. Lisbon).

VISENDA (attacked 22/6). — Sustained damage in action with U-boat 22/6 necessitating repairs before patrol can be resumed. (F.O.C.N.P. 1450B/23).

WOLFE. — At 0145Z, 0148Z and 0151Z WOLFE called Louisberg W/T Station (V.A.S) and at 0149Z she called Halifax W/T Station (C.F.H) all with indication of priority emergency. No message received and no further signal heard from ship after being called. (C. in C. A.W.I. 23530/23).

Submarines Reported.

0640. — Suspect four submarines submerged QSN CFBL 5342. (Group 16 M 0640/23, 0730/23 to Reykjavik.)

0813 G.M.T. — By D/F position ofU/Boat was 52° 30' N. - 53° 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 1057B/23).

Convoys shadowed. — Convoys H.X. 132 and S.C. 34 are still being shadowed. (D.D.I.C. 1149B/23).

0500/22. — Submarine sighted 065° 40' N. 024° 20' W. at 0500/22. Report graded C.3. (F.O.I.C. Iceland (C) 1443/23).

Estimated U/Boat dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1450B/23).

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

Convoy H.X. 133.	My 1757B/23 Further signal at 1729 G.M.T. confirms HX 133 is being shadowed. (D.D.I.C. 2151B/23).
1959.	One S/M approx. course 000 Position 5300 N.4100 W. (? to C. in C. W.A. No T.O.O.)
By VASCAMA.	S/M sighted submerged by VASCAMA 0800 on Northern Patrol. 7 attacks made, D.Cs. expended. Sunderland was sent, returned to base 1706B, having expended all D.C's. (VASCAMA 1136B/23, 1320B/23, 1540B/23, 1706B/23, C. in C. Rosyth 0914/23, A.C.O.S. 1450B/23).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Between 0040 and 0047 enemy batteries on the Coast of France fired 8 rounds presumably at Convoy C.W.39 which passed Dover about an hour later without damage.

Mining.

Further minelaying off the East coast by enemy aircraft was suspected last night. Several mines were detonated today off the Humber.

Thames Estuary

An intense minelaying attack was made last night on a small area in the Thames Estuary, and low flying planes were also sighted and engaged in other areas. The planes appeared to take their positions from certain buoys the lights of which are clearly visible. Mines were detonated in the Estuary today.

Mediterranean.

Western Desert & Libya.

AUCKLAND, PARAMATTA and PASS OF BALMAHA (petrol carrier) were attacked at 1730 about 30 miles N.E. of Tobruk by a force of 30 to 40 JU.87.
AUCKLAND was sunk at 1800 in 32° 15' N. 24° 30' E.
There was a further attack an hour and a half later, whilst PARAMATTA was collecting survivors again by 30 to 40 JU.87. PARAMATTA shot down 3 aircraft. No further damage was caused to our ships.
Fighters were grounded by enemy action againat the aerodrome.
Naval aircraft attacked Tripoli last night.

Palestine & Syria.

Swordfish dive bombed Beirut harbour unsuccessfully last night. Albacores at dawn today obtained hits on a jetty with destroyer alongside.
LEANDER, HASTY and JAGUAR carried out a bombardment of targets in the Damour area at dawn today.
There was an air raid on Haifa last night. No damage was caused to our ships.
The Syrian Govt. have protested against the bombardment of ambulances on the coast road by our ships.

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America and West Indies.

The Martinique patrol is being withdrawn temporarily.

U-Boat Campaign.

Convoy O.B.336.

At 0915/24 Convoy O.B.336 reported being attacked by S/M in 55° 11' N. 38° 35' W. U.S. patrol vessels proceeded to assist the convoy S.S. KINROSS was torpedoed and sunk in this attack.

Convoy H.X.133 attacked 2 ships torpedoed U-Boat sunk.

H.X. 133 was shadowed last night, and Norwegian S.S. SOLOY was torpedoed and sunk in the early hours of today about 1000 miles west of Ireland. S.S. BROCKLEY HILL was torpedoed later.

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Policy.

KOS VII — N.O.I.C. Invergordon's 1527/23 and your 2002/23. It is essential that KOS VII should sail for the Mediterranean at the earliest opportunity. It is requested that she should not be used as suggested by N.O.I.C. Invergordon if this is likely to result in her missing an O.G. Convoy. (D.M.S. 1318B/24 to C. in C. Rosyth.)

Cruisers Fighting Efficiency. Effect of extra stores and Personnel — Your 1330B/22, 1505B/20, 1347B/22. My 0004B/22, 1246B/22. Details. (C. in C. H.F., 2327B/24 to Admty.)

Movements.

9th M.L. Flotilla — A.M. 1310B/11. Weather permitting anticipate sailing 9th M.L. Flotilla about 2/7. Propose route as follows to Gibraltar. (C. in C. Plymouth 1335/24.)

4th M.L. Flotilla — Your 1529B/21, Para 2. The 4th M.L. Flotilla will be ready to sail A.M./26. (R.A.C.F. 1647B/24.)

CUMBERLAND — CUMBERLAND is to take HAMBLEDON and WINDSOR under her orders and sail for Sheerness passing Hoxa Boom at 1045B/27. Destroyers are to be stationed in accordance with C. in C. Nore's 1730B/23.
2. Speed is to be adjusted to arrive Flamborough Head at 0400/28 and is not to exceed 12 knots after passing No.52 Buoy. E.T.A. Sheerness 1630/28. (C. in C. H.F. 2325B/24.)

Operations.

Dover Shelled. — Between 0040 and 0047 eight rounds were fired by enemy coastal batteries, six rounds believed to fall inland from Leathercoates S.S. and two at the foot of the cliff. (V.A. Dover, 0205B/24.)

East Coast Patrols. — Amend my 0920B/24. GAVA and LIBERATOR will patrol between position Z and 54 E. buoy. The normal H.U and H V patrol will be covered by minesweeping trawlers until further orders. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1245B/24.)

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Denmark Straits Patrol. — My 1830B/18. S.O. Cruisers based Hvalfiord is to arrange further reliefs. (F.O.C. 18th C.S. 1526B/24.)

M.G.B. Patrol — Departures M.G.B's 58 and 67. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2230B/24.)

British Air Activity.

Patrols. — STAB nothing to report. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1855/24.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Yarmouth bombed. — Superficial damage by enemy action Yarmouth 0245/24. U.X.B's. (C.E. Yamouth 1240B/24.)

NOGI (Bombed 23/6) — Position of wreck. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1509B/24.)

Mining.

PYTCHLEY (Mined 23/6) — PYTCHLEY in tow of tugs arrived Hartlepool. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 0105/24.)

War Channel Search. — Q.Z.S. 587 Channel 1 mile each side of centre line joining new position of buoys is to be searched with Oropesa as soon as possible. (C. in C. Rosyth 1039/24 to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

Harwich — Seaplane was seen to alight 5 cables 103° from 54A buoy at 2355/23. Minelaying suspected. Patrol vessel closed but A/C took off before range was closed. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1506B/24.)

Thames Estuary. — An intense minelaying attack was made on a small area round B.2. Buoy between 0040 and 0225/24. Thirty one object without parachutes were seen to fall within one mile radius of the buoy. Planes carried four mines released two at a time, pairs being released within a few seconds of each other.
Low flying planes were also sighted and engaged over Boom, Barrow Deep and Edinburgh Channels areas. Suspicious objects reported as having fallen in 3 following positions.

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Thames Estuary Contd. — It is again emphasised that planes appeared to take their position from B.2. and B.3. Buoys of which the lights are clearly visible. (S.O. T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1542/24.)

Spurn Point — Following 8 mines detonated by sweepers today. Details. (F.O. Humber, 1823B/24.)

Casualties and Defects.

VETERAN — Temporary repairs completed. (Capt. D. Londonderry 0951B/24.)

ICARUS — Port propeller badly damaged. Approx. speed 8½ knots. (Capt. D.3., 1621/24.)
Capt. D.3's 1621/24. If damage is only to propeller request N.O.I/C. Iceland to sail you to join a southbound convoy to Cape Wrath thence to Scapa for docking. (R.A.D. H.F. 2337/24 to ICARUS.)

Co-operation with U.S.A.

Security Regulations — C.O's of ships proceeding to U.S.A. should be instructed as occasion arises, to warn officers and men that censorship and security regulations apply no less than in the case of other destinations, and that no mention of destination must be made either in speech or correspondence. (Head of M. 2157B/24.).

Co-operation with Russia.

Russian request for Information. — Your 1800/23. Answers to questions. (1st S.L., 2145B/24 to N.A. Moscow.)
See Operations Volume.

British Liaison Mission — Names etc. (Head of M. 2152B/24 to N.A. Moscow.)

Shipping and Convoys.

H.X. Convoys — It is desired to continue the policy of sailing a S/M occasionally with H.X. convoys in view of the presence of A/S escorts throughout voyages and the changes in composition of latter during passages involving meetings in low visibility. (R.A. 3., 1152P/24 to Admty.)

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H.X.130. Not (? met) as arranged, three stragglers, all ships now reported. Much fog. Commodore reports smoke reducing preparation appears to be of some value. (Admty. 1816B/24 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.) All ships arrived safely. Congratulations to Captain. (C. in C. W.A., 2231B/24.)

S.C.33. All ships arrived safely. Congratulations to Comdre. (C. in C. W.A. 2240B/24 to Commodore E. Rees, R.N.R.)

H.X.131. All ships arrived safely. Congratulations to Commodore. (C. in C. W.A., 2252B/24 to Comdre. S.N. White, R.N.R.)

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North Atlantic.

OSIRIS	Sailed for (?Malta). Route. Carries 70 tons of petrol in externals. T.B.R. to be arranged by V.A. Malta.
0.23	Sails 2130/25 for patrol in Gulf of Genoa. Route. To carry out short patrol in Gulf of Lion if A/S activity in Gulf of Genoa proves very heavy. (F.O.C.N.A. 1410A/24 to C. in C. M.F.)
ALSTERUFER (Intercepted 23/6.)	Scuttled herself 23/6 on interception by Destroyers. (200 Group, 1700/24 to Air Min.)

South Atlantic.

CARNARVON CASTLE NEWCASTLE	Orders for watch for Axis ships leaving Brazilian Ports. (R.A.S.A.D. 0012Z/24 to CARNARVON CASTLE.)
DIDO	Admiralty's 1926B/17. Intended programme for DIDO after leaving Durban. (C. in C. S.A., 0431N/24 to Admty.)
RUMBA	Route. (C. in C. S.A., 1545N/24 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Raider	D/F bearings at 1457Z, 1517Z and 1717Z/23 suggest two surface units within 150 miles of 3° S. 60° E. one possibly Auxiliary and lately in South Atlantic. Reliability 30%. Request any available information as bearings could also indicate South Atlantic. (C. in C. S.A. 1643N/24 to Capt. O/S Singapore.)
FRANKFURT HERMES (German) HIMALAYA (Italian)	My 0920/20. From Rio de Janeiro. FRANKFURT and HERMES loading. May sail together this week. HIMALAYA has commenced loading. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1708N/24 to Admty.)
S.L.79	Your 1650 23/6. Intend using alternative route expect five ships only. (N.C.S.O. Freetown 1721N/24 to Admty.)
HAWKINS BIRMINGHAM W.S.9A. SAMARIA	Proposed arrangements for SAMARIA to disembark R.A.F. stores. (C. in C. S.A. 2316N/24 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

UTMOST — UTMOST patrol north of Straits of Messina until 2130B/26 then in accordance with previous orders. Four large transports five destroyers leave Naples about 0330B/25 speed 17½ knots for Straits of Messina. (S.O. S/M's Malta. 0934B/24 to UTMOST, SEVERN.)

U.S.A.Ships — Method of communication as to movements to be adopted by B.N.A. Washington. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Zone, 1015C/24 to Admty.)

Malta. — My 0930B/5/5. General state of Dockyard is now as follows: FERMOY was beyond repair and has been completely broken up in No.5 Dock. (A.S. Malta, 1044B/23.)

Alexandria bombed. — Night 22/23. Between 16 and 20 unidentified aircraft bombed Alexandria. No R.A.F. damage or casualties.

Western Desert. — Hurricanes and Beaufighters provided protective Patrols over shipping off Egyptian Coast. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 1053/24 to Air Min.)

Enemy Convoy orders to S/M's to intercept. — Orders to UNIQUE, UPRIGHT, REGENT to proceed with despatch.
Four large transports 5 destroyers leave Naples 0300/25 speed 17½ knots to arrive Tripoli (Libya) 1630/26 via Messina crossing 034° 30' at 0700/26 with air escort. Blenheims will also attack. UNBEATEN and UPHOLDER in area P and N 035° 10' 015° 15' 000° 100 45. UNION carry out previous orders. (.S.O.(S) Malta, 1055B/24 to S/M's. Malta Force, REGENT.)
My 1055B. Remain in area Y Z until further orders in case convoy passes West of Sicily. (S.O. Subs. Malta, 2021B/24 to UNION.)
Amend orders to URGE, UPHOLDER, UNBEATEN, UPRIGHT, UNIQUE.
(Cdr. (S)1, 2150/24 to S/M's. Malta Force, REGENT.)

WARSPITE — Proposed programme (to refit at Bremerton). (C. in C. Med. 1014C/24.)

F. CRESPI (Italian) — Departure 23/6 Genoa. (Barcelona, 1300/24.)

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Russian War	Probable effects on situations in Libya and Iraq. (N.A. Angora 1323/23 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
Enemy transport	Reported enemy transport with sea and air escort will be 20 miles North of Ras El Auekia (017° 55' E.) at 1900C speed 9 knots proceeding East. (Capt. (S)1, 1337C/24 to REGENT.)
AUCKLAND attacked	Enemy A/C bombing 32° 25' N. 25° 8' E. No fighters since 1300. (AUCKLAND, 1345/24 to Alexandria.)
PERSEUS	Cancel previous orders regarding patrol. Establish patrol in area 036° 00' 023° 00' 000° - 60 - 50. Object is destruction of traffic between Italy and Aegean and the reverse. (Capt. (S)1, 1455C/24 to PERSEUS.)
S.S.EOCENE	On Govt. service with cargo for Turkish Government. Arrived Istanbul 11/4 and still here Possibility of getting her to Port Said. Arrangements should be made for her to be sunk at very short notice, if necessary to prevent her falling into enemy hands. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1636B/24 to N.A. Ankara.)
PARAMATTA attacked	Being dive-bombed by at least ten machines. Am leaving position. (PARAMATTA 1707Z/24 to N.O.I.C. Alexandria.)
Libya	Night 23/24/6. 5 Wellington bombed Benghazi. Results not observed. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E., 1833/24)
URSULA	My 0940B/22. Delayed indefinitely by further generator defect. (Commdr. (S)1st., 1930B/24 to Capt. (S)1st.)
SEVERN CLYDE	Not to be used to take stores to Malta from Gibraltar. To continue to operate offensively from Gibraltar. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1955B/24).
SULLBERG (German)	Departure 23/6 Marseilles 25/6. (Valencia 2020/24.)

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Syria. F.A.A. Swordfish dive bombed destroyers in Beirut harbour unsuccessfully night 23/24. LEANDER HASTY and JAGUAR carried out a bombardment of targets in Damour area, at dawn 24/6. Results not yet known.
Western Desert. AUCKLAND sunk by air attack in 32° 15 N. 24 30 E. at 1800/24 while escorting petrol carrier PASS OF BALMAHA to Tobruk. PARAMATTA in company continuing to Tobruk.
Submarines. UNBEATEN attacked liner OCEANIA or NEPTUNEA steering southward in vicinity Cape Passaro Sicily at 0830/16. Liner probably sunk but possibility exists that ship of small convoy beyond liner was hit instead. (C. in C. Med., 2254/24 to Admty.)

Palestine & Syria.

Destroyers for 1st B.S.

C. in C. Med.'s 1641/23. Request JERVIS and (? NUBIAN) be sent. Staff of Capt. (D) 2 are available to be employed as desired. Relief will be KANDAHAR and GRIFFIN. (R.A.(D) Med., 1053/24 to C.S.15.)
R/V for destroyers (R.A. 1st B.S. 12310/24 to C.S.15.)

CARLISLE
LEANDER
COVENTRY

Take CARLISLE under your orders. Sail p.m./25 to arrive Haifa 0800/26 or as ordered by C.S.15.
C.S.15 requested to sail LEANDER and COVENTRY for Alexandria on relief. (C. in C. Med., 1150C/24 to PERTH.)

Syria.

Protest by Syrian Govt. through U.S. Govt. about alleged shelling of ambulances and hospital units by British warships 14/6 between Sidon and Damour. (Admty. 1352B/24 to C. in C. Med.)

ILEX
ISIS
(damaged 15/6)

ILEX. Anticipate ship will be ready to steam at 10 knots on 1 boiler by P.M./28. Could not be ready earlier for towing. Will require escort.
ISIS. Not less than 3 weeks. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1852/24 to R.A(D) Med.)

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Palestine & Syria Contd.

Air Operations. 2 Blenheims unsuccessful in locating damaged 2,500 ton M/V seen by Maryland off Cape Mahedia believed to have run into Sousse. Night 23/24 5 Swordfish F.A.A. dropped 7,000 lbs. G.P. bombs and 450 lbs. incendiaries on area of Spanish Quaje. Several hits on railway line and quay. (H,Q. Malta, 1901/24 to Air Min.)
829 Sqdn. Albacores. 2 Sorties dive bombing Beirut Harbour at dawn/24. Hits on jetty with destroyer alongside. Hurricanes. 5 Sorties escort Albacores returning from Beirut. 5 Sorties fleet protection. 4 Sorties local defence. No interceptions. 815 Sqdn. Swordfish. 3 Sorties night 23/24 dive bombed Beirut. 1 stick on East side of jetty near destroyers. (H.Q. R.A.F. P.T.J. 1935/24.)

Beirut Air R/C. R/C 1300. In harbour 3 destroyers 1 sloop 1 or 2 S/Ms. some M/V probably M/Ls. Damaged enemy destroyer has 2 vessels and a lighter alongside. Other 2 destroyers and M/V probably M/Ls. all have lighters alongside. May possibly intend to make (? get) away. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1953/24 to C.S.15.)

East Indies.

HAWKINS My 1112/20 proceed to Durban to arrive 1/7 calling Mauritius for fuel. Inform SHENKING to proceed independently to Mauritius. (C. in C. E.I., 0448Z/24 to HAWKINS.)

French India Attitude. (C. in C. E.I. 0648Z/24 to F.O.C. R.I.N.) See Operations Volume.

Atma Island occupied. Assab. (A) Atma Island has been occupied and four Italian prisoners taken. (B) The lamp, lens, and outer glasses of the lighthouse have been destroyed, impossible at present to instal any form of light. (C) Three five point nine C.D. guns on the Island have been sabotaged. (S.N.O. Red Sea., 1101Z/24 to C. in C.E.I.)

GLASGOW To leave Colombo 0600Z/25 and proceed to Singapore arriving p.m./29. (C. in C. E.I., 1128Z/24 to GLASGOW.)

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LE TRIOMPHANT — Proposal by General de Gaulle that ship should work in Eastern Mediterranean. (Admty. 2137B/24 to C. in C. E.I.)

China.

HAKUSHU MARU incident — Detailed report. (Cdre. Hong Kong, 0247Z/24.) See Lion Copy.

EGAL — My 1151Z/16. Re release. Rubber export question. (C. in C. China, 0413Z/24 to Admty.)

S.S. YUSANG incident. — Commodore Hong Kong's 0655Z/23. Asking him to make a really strong protest. (C. in C. China 0757/24 to Brit. Ambassr. Tokyo.)

Contraband — Method of getting rubber through. Request Dutch Naval Authorities be warned to look out for this when examining French ships intercepted in Sunda Straits. (D.E.W.D. 1341B/24 to C. in C. China.)

America and West Indies.

Martinique Patrol. — Martinique patrol is being withdrawn temporarily. Walrus is to return to Trinidad. VAN KINSBERGEN to arrive Trinidad 1/7. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1041Q/24 to VAN KINSBERGEN.)

DESPATCH (orders) CARADOC (defects) — My 0952Q/17. On leaving patrol DESPATCH is to proceed Trinidad instead of Bermuda, to arrive 30/6. Redistribution necessitated by withdrawal of CARADOC due to stripped turbines. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1042Q/24 to S.O. W.I. Force.)

THUNDERBOLT — (? Return to Halifax) (route). (F.O.C. 3 B.S. 1408/23 to THUNDERBOLT.)

COCLE — Made a p.l. movement signal. C.S.A. Boston instructed to warn Master against such action. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1444Z/24 to Admty.)

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KOLSNAREN (Swedish) — Master reports sighted on 16/6 ships lifeboats in approx. 4300 N. 620 W. Weather too bad to pick up, but apparently empty name showing as E. Mitchell London. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1626Z/24 to Admty.)

Ferry pilots to report S/M's. — It appears that Ferry Pilots are in a position to obtain sighting reports of submarines. Suggest Air Ministry be approached with a view pilots being ordered to transmit these reports to Air Ministry Station at Gander who would pass them on to Naval Authorities. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2146Z/24 to Admy.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

RANALLA — 15 members of crew of Norwegian Steamship RANALLA landed Figueira Da Foz 24/6. Torpedoed 300 miles from Azores. No details. (N.A. Lisbon 1736/24.)

GANDA (torpedoed 20/6) — Admty. 1736B/24 see 23/6.

Convoy O.B.336 — Attacked by S/M 055° 11' N. 038° 35' W. Course and speed 147° 10 knots. (Cdre. O.B.336, 0915/24 to C. in C. W.A., etc.) 55 12 N. 38 32 W. Convoy attcked by Submarine 0920/24 de Unknown Station. (Via Liverpool T.O.R.1138.) In view of attack O.B.336 subsequent your (?1147) B I am proceeding their assistance with AGAKSIZ. GLADIOLUS proceed direct to H.X.133. My P.C. and S. 055° 32' N. 037° 25' (? 230 degs.) 15. (WETASKIWIN 1530/24 to C. in C. W.A.)

GLENPARK — The following has been read:- 55 55 N. 38 06 W. submarine in sight. (GLENPARK 1458/24.)

INVERLEE — SSSS 56 13 N. 37 R. 21 W. INVERLEE torpedoed 1905/24. (Halifax W/T 1905Z/24, Liverpool 1911/24 etc.)

H.X.133 SOLOY sunk — Norwegian SOLOY sunk 0135Z/24 054° 39' N. 039° 43' W. All crew saved by S.S. TRAVELLER. U-boat surprised by alteration of course 040° to port at 0100Z sighted 1 quarter mile on starboard bow of Commodore's ship, crash dived heading 180° and presumably fired random shots. Only signal rockets from torpedoed ship. (H.M.C.S. OTTAWA 1932Z/24.)

Submarines Reported.

By WOLFE (H.X.133) — One submarine submerged bearing 050° distance one mile. Position 54° 37' N. 39° 36' W. (WOLFE, 0130Z/24.)

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Submarines Reported. Contd.

1913/23
2012Z/23
2218Z/23

D.F. bearings from Gibraltar at 1913Z/23 German U-boats 305° third class at 2012Z/23 310° 3rd class at 2218Z/23 Italian U-boats 300 3rd class. (F.O.C.N.A.,0209A/24 to FURIOUS, Capt. (D) 8th D.F., DEPTFORD.)

H.X.133 reported

My 1557B/23 a U-boat made further signal at 0453Z/24 in vicinity of H.X.133. (D.D.I.C. 0812B/24 to WOLFE etc.)
My 1757B/23. Further signal at 1332Z/24 indicates that convoy H.X.133 has been again reported. (D.D.I.C. 1618B/24.)

Sighting reports.

At 1008A/24 German U-boat bearing 305° Class two made first sighting report on 11125 Kc/s. (F.O.C.N.A. 1028A/24 to FURIOUS, Capt. (D) 8, DEPTFORD, JONQUIL.)
Your 1028A/24. Position of U-boat was approx. 56° N. 37° W. (D.D.I.C. 1433B/24 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Italian U-boat has made a sighting report at 1144Z/24. No fix obtainable. (D.D.I.C. 1428B/24 to FURIOUS, HERMIONE, FOXHOUND, DEPTFORD.)

1442Z

SSSS 5448N. 3903W. Submarine in sight. (N.O.I.C. Halifax, T.O.R. 1442Z/24.)

Estimated U-boat dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1507B/24.)

1420

Aircraft has reported sighting submarine in 052° 28' N. 004° 33' W. at 1420/24. (C. in C. W.A., 1716B/24 to MARON, CAIRO.)

Submarines Attacked.

Off Halifax.

At 0520Z/24 on patrol off Halifax believed S/M on surface in 044° 30' N. 063° 23' W. Vessel was pursued, disappeared. A/S contact was obtained and D.C. attacks carried out. Search by 7 corvettes carried out all day, assisted by aircraft at daylight. No further results obtained. Search continues. (C.O.A.C. Halifax, 2007Z/24.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

40 aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Kiel last night. Light attacks were made on Boulogne, Ostend and Sylt.

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy E.C.37 and escorts shot down an enemy A/C which attacked the convoy at 0200B today in 56° 5' N. 2° 22' W. The convoy was not damaged. S.S. LEVENWOOD was slightly damaged by air attack last night whilst anchored in Tees Bay.

Convoy F.S. Odd was attacked shortly after midnight 24/25 June in 53° 4' N. 1° 16' E., No details are known.

S.S. DASHWOOD in Convoy F.N.24 was sunk by air attack in the early hours today, 22 miles E. of Cromer.

Mining.

Operations B.S. 65. — TEVIOT BANK left the Humber at 0830 to lay mines in the East Coast Barrier, with destroyer escort.

S.N.70 B. — During this operation (see 23/6) BRIGHTON was damaged in collision with KENYA.

Mines were detonated off Liverpool which was closed from 0408 to 1100. The Humber was closed from 0139B to 0944.

It is reported in Press messages that Finland has announced the mining of waters round the Aaland Islands.

South Atlantic.

Lagos. — Six mines have been detonated and the port has now been declared open. Sweeping continues.

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SITUATION REPORT

Mediterranean.

Libya & Western Desert.

Wellington again bombed Benghazi last night.

Convoy attacked

At 1530 a convoy of four 20,000 ton merchant ships escorted by 6 or 7 destroyers was sighted by aircraft 35 miles south of Cape Spartivento southbound, Marylands attacked the convoy at dusk and secured at least one hit with a 500 lb. bomb. Later, 7 Swordfish attacked and torpedoed two and probably 3 of the merchant ships. Our submarines were ordered to intercept two of the merchant ships which were seen to be crippled and are now thought probably to have sunk.

Palestine & Syria.

Vichy French S/M. sunk.

PARTHIAN sunk a Vichy French S/M of REQUIN class at 1248C today in 33° 49' N. 35° 26' E. (5 miles S.W. of Beirut)

C.S.15 is maintaining one cruiser and 3 or 4 destroyers off the coasts each night.

Air attacks were made today on Haifa and Acre. Little damage was caused.

U-Boat Campaign.

H.X.133. S/M sunk.

GLADIOLUS sighted a submarine early this morning near H.X.133 which was attacked yesterday. GLADIOLUS, assisted by NASTURTIUM attacked with depth charges. The S/M surfaced and was sunk by gunfire at close range in 56° 36' N. 37° 8' W.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Trials in Clyde Approaches — Your 1011B/20. Admiralty have no special information as to relative safety from enemy action or otherwise of areas in your sub-command. It appears, however, that the Clyde is at least as secure as the areas on the South and East Coasts of England normally used for trials. (V.C.N.S. 0009B/25 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

SURCOUF — Recommendations as in Admty. 0008B/26 to C. in C. A.W.I. (F.O.S. 1514B/25 to Admty.)

19th M.L. Flotilla. — Request I may be informed when further units of the 19th M/L Flotilla may be expected at Holyhead. They are urgently required there for special operation in the Irish Sea. (C. in C. W.A., 1816B/25 to R.A.C.F.)

Movements.

LEGION LANCE. — Owing to U-boat signal in vicinity I kept LEGION and LANCE until Capt. (D) 8 met at 2100B/24. By the time they could not have reached Clyde without fuelling at Plymouth. Have therefore taken them to Gibraltar, as estimate they can reach Clyde after fuelling there equally soon. (FURIOUS 0945B/25.)

VICTORIOUS CHARLESTOWN ST. MARY's. — Your 1731/23. Diversion of CHARLESTOWN and ST, MARYS is concurred in.
(D.D.C.D. M. 1032B/25 to R.A.M.)
My 1720B/23rd and R.A. M.L. 1731B/23. Request you sail VICTORIOUS escorted by CHARLESTOWN, ST. MARYS and WINCHESTER as early as practicable on 28/6.
2. Home Fleet destroyers will R/V off Cape Wrath to enable CHARLESTOWN and ST. MARYS to return to Liverpool for PORT QUEBEC.
(C. in C. H.F., 1119B/25.)

KENYA — If unable to proceed in accordance with my 1903B/22 KENYA is to return to Scapa when released by R.A. M/L. (C. in C. H.F. 1954B/25.)

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British Air Activity.

Bombing restrictions — S.B.R. between following limits are cancelled from daylight today until further notice. 48° and 49° 30' N., 5° and 8° W. (F.O.S. 0204B/25.)

Patrols. — A/S sweep by 3 Whitley Centre Track 278° Butt of Lewis to depth 300 miles reaching limit 1200 hours. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1116/25.)
Following in operation:- Trost and Stab. P.R.U. Reccos. of Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand South, and Oslo. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1182/25.)
Up to 3 A/C of 816 Squadron are to carry out a preliminary R/C of Boulogne tonight. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 1340/25.)
A/S sweep by 3 Whitley A/C 278° Butt of Lewis for 250 miles reaching limit at dusk/25 also A/S sweep by 3 Whitleys 320° Butt of Lewis for 300 miles bearing datum at 0500/26. (C. in C. Rosyth 2050/25.)
Patrol Stand now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth, 2312/25.)

Operation WANDER. — Carry out operation WANDER tonight in accordance with my CH/G9/24/6. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 1340/25 to Detling.)

Night Operations. — On Night 24/25 Kiel was attacked by 40 A/C. Bursts were seen in the target area and some small fires. Boulogne, Ostend, and Sylt were also bombed. (H.Q.B.C., 1420/25.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy FN.24. DASHWOOD (British 2154 tons) sunk — Am standing by DASHWOOD holed making water fast in position 036° Cromer 22. Request tug immediately. (GUILLEMOT, 0036/25, 0148B/25.)
DASHWOOD sunk by bomb at 0200 in reported position 52° 58'45" N. 01° 52'30" E. No casualties. (GUILLEMOT 0252B/25, SOUTHDOWN 0515B/25, C. in C. Nore 0713B/25, 1617B/25.)

Convoy F.S. Even. — Help Convoy ARENA Position 54° 59' N. 1° 11' W. (WALLACE 0027B/25.)
My 0027. Low flying aircraft circled convoy until 0130. No damage seen. (WALLACE 0204/25.)

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Enemy Air Activity Contd.

Convoy F.S. Odd

Enemy A/C bombing Convoy BOOTY 53° 4' N. 1° 16' E. (F.S. Convoy 0048/25.)
Fighters are being sent to assist BOOTY. (Nore, 0116B/25.)

Convoy E.C.37. One A/C shot down.

Help YIELD position 56° 6' N. 2° 29' W. (LIDDESDALE, 0203/25.)
1 enemy A/C Junker shot down by convoy and escorts E.C.37 at 0200B/25 in 056° 05' N. 002° 22' W. Enemy was carrying out a low level attack and dropped one bomb.
As far as is known there were no casualties. to convoy or escorts.
A/C was observed to sink and 4 prisoners have been taken. (VERSATILE, 0230B/25.)
VERSATILE'S 0230B. Aircraft considered to be Heinkel 111 passed over LIDDESDALE at about 100 feet and was seen to be repeatedly hit at very close range by forward pom poms. 2 small bombs were dropped close on starboard quarter which put both steering motors temporarily out of action. No damage or casualties to convoy or escort. (LIDDESDALE, 0429B/25.)

LEVENWOOD (British 803 tons) damaged.

S.S. LEVENWOOD damaged slightly by near miss enemy bomb whilst anchored in Tees Bay. No casualties. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool, 0230/25.)

Mining.

Humber

Humber closed to navigation. Suspected mine-laying. (F.O. Humber, 0139B/25.)
Humber is open. (F.O.Humber, 0944/25.)

Liverpool

Port of Liverpool closed including QZS 211 and QZS 215 until 1100. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 0408/25.)
One mine detonated by LL. Details. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 2218/25.)
Port opened including QZS 211 and QZS 215. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1100B/25.)

B.S.65

Departure TEVIOTBANK at 0830. (F.O.IC. Humber, 0850B/25.)
Arrivals TEVIOTBANK, WALPOLE in company at 2155. (F.O. Humber, 2208B/25.)

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Off Cromer — Table cloth netting is now in process of being laid 1 mile from shore between Bacton and Cromer. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1034B/25.)

Minelaying off Calais — My 1803/24. Operation had to be abandoned owing to minelayers being illuminated by flares dropped to seaward of them whilst in the laying area. Calais vicinity was apparently being bombed and flares were presumably from British aircraft. As no enemy action resulted it seems probable that minelayers were not in fact sighted. Intend to carry out the operation tonight and request air authorities may be warned to restrict activity in vicinity of Calais between 0100 and 0300/26. (V.A. Dover 1042B/25 Air Ministry 1515/25 to C.C.)

Dover — Routine sweeping carried out to 0800/25.
QZS 190 BU
QZS 224 and 208 by two Oropesa trawlers nothing found.
QZS 190 by two LL trawlers. One red mine detonated 216°.
Sandhead Buoy 7 cables.
(V.A. Dover 1104B/25.)

CUMBERLAND — CUMBERLAND with destroyers using S.A. gear arrives Flamborough at 0400/28, 52 Buoy at 1230/28, Sheerness at 1630/28. Re sweeping to be carried out.
(C. in C. Nore, 1230B/25.)

Oropesa Trawlers sweeping ahead of East Coast Convoys. — Admiralty 2337/21.
Escorts report that some S.A. trawlers are only capable of 6 to 6½ knots.
2. This disorganises convoy programmes involving delays which are not acceptable. Moreover some ships in convoy cannot proceed at less than 7 knots.
3. Suggest this scheme be abandoned and trawlers returned to their bases channels being swept from the various sub-commands as heretofore.
4. It is considered that fast minesweepers if S.A. fitted could be used provided sufficient numbers can be made available on the east coast for this purpose and for their normal duties of oropesa sweeping.

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Oropesa Trawlers sweeping ahead of East Coast Convoys. Contd.

5. Alternatively consideration might be given to the use of M.L's fitted S.A. which should be able to operate except in bad weather.
6. It is to be hoped that there will be sufficient S.A. Trawlers available before the winter to render the main Channels reasonably safe from "A" mines provided the sweeping is carried out as near the time of the passing of convoys as practicable.
(C. in C. Nore, 1410B/25.)

Thames Estuary.

Three SA mines detonated as follows. Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1631/25.)
Seven magnetic mines detonated as follows.
Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1801/25.)

Yarmouth

My 1800B/23. Mines detonated 23/6, 4 magnetic and 2 acoustic. Details.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1909B/25.)

PYTCHLEY
(Mined 23/6)

PYTCHLEY and SEA GIANT arrived.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1921/25.)

S.N.70.B.

Lay completed. AURORA with BRIGHTON probably in Reydarfiord. WELLS with me.
(R.A. M.L., 2310B/25.)

Casualties and Defects.

STURGEON

Pressure hull cracked round exhaust trunking. Am proceeding on surface Needles Sanctuary arriving 0731. Request fighter protection and T.B.R. (STURGEON, 0331B/25.)
Your 0331B/25. Escort will meet you at N. one. Fighter Protection and B.R. arranged. Codeword device TWO.
(Capt. S.5., 0625B/25 to STURGEON.)
My 2333B/24 returned.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 0815B/25.)

DEVONSHIRE

Sea going efficiency of DEVONSHIRE will be impaired unless following hoses are supplied immediately. Hoses were first demanded in February in Devonport, then redemanded through N.S.O. Liverpool in May, and are still outstanding.
(C.S.1., 1429B/25.)

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SABOR — My 1057/25. F.N.84. SABOR returned Humber with collision damage. (N.C.S.O. Humber, 1606B/25.)

BRIGHTON — ECHO proceed with despatch toward Faeroes.
ECLIPSE proceed to 066° 10' N. 012° W. Orders to follow. (C. in C. H.F., 1947B/25.)
AURORA and BRIGHTON arrived Reydar Fiord.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland, 2258/25.)
R.A. (M) 1342B/25. Request tug may be sent to assist BRIGHTON. (C. in C. H.F., 2309B/25 to C. in C. W.A.)
Sail THAMES and MARAUDER forthwith to stand by WELLS towing BRIGHTON estimated position at 0800B/26 063° 11' N. 012° 43' W. Steer 144° approx. (? 5) knots for Butt of Lewis.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2333B/25 to N.O.I.C. Stornoway.)

Shipping and Convoys.

W.N. Convoys. — My 1226/16. Amendments and additions.
(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 0956B/25 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

Coastal Convoys — Your 1843/19. Not sufficient escort vessels in Portsmouth Command to work suggested 2 day schedule for quicker turn round of ships in Portsmouth Southampton areas.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 2123/25 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

O.B. 341A. — Intend sailing extra convoy O.B. 341(A) 2/7 routed through Minches. Code word "Shilling".
(C. in C. W.A., 2245B/25 to Admty.)

O.B. 336, 337, protection — Request that after complying with my 1233B/25 (N.T. in W.D.) SKEENA and ST. LAURENT be ordered to return through 053° N. 049° W. and 050° N. 051° W. refuelling at St. Johns N.F. if necessary. Object is to cover rear of ships dispersed from O.B.336 and O.B.335 proceeding in this direction.
(C. in C. W.A. 2302B/25 to C.O.A.C. Halifax.)

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North Atlantic.

Operation "Railway"	Phase One. My 1625/31/3 para 3 proposals 5 and 7 and my 1453/18/5 will apply with times amended as follows (a) para 3 1000 A and 2100 A on D one (b) Para 4 0030 A on D two (c) Para 5 0915 A and on D 2. 2. Request also forecast of weather Malta area now. (S.O. Force H, 1041A/25.)
RUMBA	Ref. Adty. 2356B/16. RUMBA 2000/24 and now bunkering and having repair to life boats and fan air conditioning. If not ready for sea by 2000/25 captain of port has promised extension of time. As RUMBA W/T limited please telegraph route immediately. (B.V.C. Fayal, 1115/25 to F.O.C.N.A.)
P. 33	My 2136A/23 escort is ERIN. (F.O.C.N.A. 1310A/25, 2240/25 to P.33.)
French Ships	Gibraltar 0606/25 French Armed Trawler LA JACCIENNE French ships SURVILLE full ALGERIE light westbound. 0815 French Minesweeper COMMANDANT DELAGE French Ship ERIDANNII HADEN and Motor Trawler TATIANA Eastbound. (S.O.(I) Gibraltar 1415A/25.)
FEARLESS FOXHOUND	My 1728/25. FEARLESS unable to proceed owing to defects. FOXHOUND only two boilers available. (F.O. Force H, 2027A/25 to Admty.)
Unknown Vessel	Sighted about 1400 in 4450 N. 1010 W. course westerly speed 13 knots. Similar British Naval Auxiliary. No markings or flag visible. (N.A. Lisbon, 2130/25.)

South Atlantic.

BABITONGA WINDHUK NORDERNEY	If you have not already done so and see no objection on account of position of vessel when incident occurred please draw attention of Minister for Foreign Affairs to this clear proof that B has been acting as a supply ship ever since she left Santos last April. (2) Point out evident worthlessness of German Ambassador's assurance (reported in your telegram 139) that ship would sail direct Vladivostock

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BABITONGA WINDHUK NORDERNEY Contd.	via Cape and you should press Minister of Foreign Affairs for a definite assurance that neither WINDHUK nor NORDERNEY (N.A. 1846Z/21 to R.A.S.A.D.) will in any circumstances be allowed to sail. (C. in C. S.A., 0909N/25 to Ambassador Rio de Janeiro.)
BIRMINGHAM	Your 0031N/23. Dock can be made available 14/7 for six days if required. Dockyard assistance would be limited. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1051B/25 to C. in C. S.A.)
Raider	Indications 1737 24/6 suggest German surface unit within 150 miles of the line joining Equator 020°W. and 015° S. 010° W. QUEEN OF BERMUDA may move into I. 35 and ALCANTARA into I. 34 C and D as desired. (C. in C. S.A., 1101N/25 to S.A.S. Squad.)
DESIRADE (Intercepted 17/6)	To proceed to Capetown with PRETORIA CASTLE as soon as possible. (C. in C. S.A., 1201N/25 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown.)
S.S. DUNAV	Master requests aid to prevent possible desertion of part of crew. (N.S.O.(I) Capetown, 1249C/25.)
GASCON	Your 2146N/22 and your 1401N/22. 2. On this particular occasion coal should be supplied to GASCON. 3. Request you will endeavour to intercept her as soon as possible after she leaves Lobito. 4. If PRETORIA CASTLE will be of assistance the departure of EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA from Simonstown can be delayed provided she can be sailed with escort to overtake S.L.80. (D.O.D.(F), 1930B/25 to C. in C. S.A.)
S.S.GOLDMOUTH QUEEN VICTORIA overdue.	GOLDMOUTH due Durban 20th from Basra QUEEN VICTORIA due Capetown 20th from Suez both not arrived. (S.O.(I) Capetown, 1931B/25.)

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? WUPPERTAL — Oiler BROOMDALE reports at 1715/4 in 010° 30' N. 055° 40' W. she sighted ship resembling WUPPERTAL who tried to close until 2000 when Oiler BROOMDALE evaded her. (R.A.S.A.D., 2027Z/25 to C. in C. S.A.)

Lagos — My 1725/20/6. DRAGON reported 23/6 one mine exploded by SKUDD since 23/6 sweeping has been carried out over whole area. Port has now been declared open. Sweeping by SKUDD continuing. (C. in C. S.A., 2041N/25 to Admty.)

Mediterranean.

Guard for prisoners — M.E. urgently requests permission for percentage of guard to prisoners to be reduced to ½% for voyage in Indian Ocean. (C. in C. Med., 0941C/25 to Adty.) Reply. Adty 1941B/19 which reduced proportion of guard to seven per cent should meet this requirements. (D.O.D.(F) 1812B/25.)

WARSPITE — My 1014/24 state of armament. (C. in C. Med., 1022C/24.)

JANUS — Sail JANUS when ready Aden pending Adty. instructions for destination. (C. in C. Med., 1037C/25 to S.B.N.O. Suez Canal.)

Policy — 1st S.L. 1520B/25 to C. in C. Med. See Mediterranean Volume.

Movements — S/Ms. leave Alexandria as follows. (Capt. (S)1, 1525C/25 to CACHALOT, TETRARCH.)

Libyan Convoy attacked — 25/6 on information convoy 4 troopships and 5 destroyers leaving Naples night 24/25 for Tripoli 2 Marylands and 2 Hurricanes patrolled closing routes East and West of Sicily. A.M. 2 large M/V's stationary Messina Straits, 1 battleship or cruiser 1 destroyer southbound and 3 destroyers northbound north of Messina Straits, 1530 hours

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Mediterranean.

Libyan Convoy attacked. Contd.	convoy 4 large M/V's 20,000 tons and 7 destroyers 35 miles south Cape ? Spartivento southbound 2 battleships entering Messina Straits from South. Messina harbour 3 cruisers 8 medium M/V's. Blenheims Marylands and Swordfish being despatched to attack convoy. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1730/25.)
	P.C. and S. of 6 enemy destroyers 4 merchant vessels 37° 30' N. 15° 35' E. 160 10. (Duty F. A/C 1835/25.)
	7 destroyers 4 merchant vessels bearing 044° my position 70 miles from 36° N. 15° E. 155 15. (A/C, 1835/25.)
	Cancel my 0934B/24. Convoy passed return to Malta as in my 1632/16. (S.O.(S) Malta, 1842B/25 to UTMOST).
	5 destroyers one ahead, two starboard side, two Port side. In two columns. (Malta 1855/25.)
	Enemy C. and S. are 160° 13 knots. (? at 1905). (Malta, 1906/25.)
	Enemy has made a large increase of speed - 18. (Malta, 1920/25.)
	4 large merchant ships in square formation 2 destroyers 2 miles ahead 2 on either beam and one astern position 037° 30' 015° 35' course 160° speed 10 knots at 1835B/25. (Comdr. (S)1, 1921B/25 to UPRIGHT, UNIQUE, REGENT.)
	Two merchant ships crippled at 2030/25 in 36 46, 15 42 may endeavour to return to Syracuse Augusta or Messina. URGE and UPHOLDER intercept as opportunity offers. (S.O. S/M's. Malta, 2344B/25 to S/M's. Malta Force.)
Air Operations.	5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi. 6 fighter sorties protecting Tobruk shipping. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 2009/25.)
ELISABETH H. FISSER (German)	Arrival 24/6. (Valencia 2015/25.)
UNION	Orders to leave patrol to arrive Malta 0700/27. (S.O. S/M's. Malta, 2057B/25 to UNION.)

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Syria. R/C reports all three French destroyers in Beirut damage uncertain all have lighters alongside. Two Swordfish 815 Squadron dive bombed ? night 23/24 results uncertain. Air Raid on Haifa night 23/24 no damage to ships. C.S.15 is maintaining one cruiser and three or four destroyers off Coast each night. LEANDER HASTY and JAGUAR bombarded military targets A.M./24.
2. Western Desert. PARAMATTA has returned to Alexandria with Commander Thomas 5 officers, and 156 ratings survivors of AUCKLAND. PASS OF BALMAHA slightly damaged is unloading at Tobruk. (C. in C. Med., 2301/25.)

Palestine and Syria.

REFAH

Torpedoed (N.A. Angora 1133/25). See U-Boat Campaign.

Alleged firing on ambulances

Adty. 1352B/24. GRIFFIN engaged shore targets on 14/6. If she is at Alexandria request R.A.D. Mediterranean may interrogate C.O. and report to you. (C.S.15, 1626/25 to ?).
Report of targets engaged by GRIFFIN. Red Cross lorry seen but not fired at. (R.A.(D) Med., 1117C/25 to C. in C. Med.) See Lion Copy.

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(N.L.O. Palestine, 1811/25 to C.S.15).

? S/M.

Following received at 1902. One unknown bearing 014° 16 miles course 180 position 153 34° N. 35° E. 34.
(F.O.C. 15 C.S. 2025/25 to PARTHIAN.)

Vichy French S/M sunk.

Have sunk Vichy French S/M REQUIN class in 033° 49 N. 035° 26' E. at 1248C/25 Hospital ship similar to SPHINX sailed from Beirut course 360° at 1900C/24. At 0500C/24 PARTHIAN found herself in middle of bombardment (? area) used by LEANDER and destroyer(s) without warning. Asdic communication unsuccessful. PARTHIAN's frequency is 10.45 Kcs.
(PARTHIAN 2101/25 to C.S.15.)

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East Indies.

KING EDWARD, supposed wreckage. — My 0556/13. Wreckage now identified as belonging to HIRAVATI. F.O.C. Royal Indian Navy reports it is quite likely fittings from this ship were put into PARVATI which was sunk by mine 30/4. (C. in C. E.I. 0440Z/25 to Adty.).

Shipping Speed up. — Need for improvement in the speeding up of turn round of shipping using Indian ports. (F.O.C.R.I.N. -0945Z/25 to Adty.).

China.

HAKUSHU MARU incident. — Suggesting matter be dealt with through diplomatic channels and following points made in reply to protest. (C. in C. China 0321Z/25 to Ambassador Tokyo) See Lion Copy.

PIETRO-ORSEOLA (Italian). — At Moji 17/6. (Capt. O.S. Singapore 0409Z/25 to Admty.).

COMPIEGNE. — Arrival 25/6. (Saigon 0430Z/25).

BERNADIN DE ST. PIERRE. (French). — Arrival 25/6. (Manila 0622Z/25).

Miri. — C. in C. China 0743Z/25. See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

MALAYA. — Re. working up. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1001Q/25 to Adty.)

Brazilian destroyers. — Adty. 1112B/25. See Operations Volume.

Martinique patrol. — C. in C's 22222Q/21. Information received from -Director U.S. Naval War plans 24/6, that instructions for provision of patrol and for observation of French ships at Martinique have not altered in any way and that vessels are sighted daily by air and by shore observer. (N.A. Washington 1124/25 to Adty.).

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10 Lockheeds.	A.T. 1054B/22. Flight departure from Natal (Brazil) delayed until 27/6. (Admty. 1522B/25).
SOUTHERN PRINCE.	Arrangements for sailing to Clyde. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1550B/25).
TALISMAN. THUNDERBOLT.	To be sailed for Gibraltar as convenient. They will join the Mediterranean Fleet as directed by C. in C. Med. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1618B/25 to C.in C. A.W.I. etc.).
THUNDERBOLT.	My 1408P/23. Amend position B to 041° 50' N. 062° 10' W. to keep clear of H.X. 135. (R.A.3.B.S. 1704P/25 to THUNDERBOLT).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships attacked.

H.X. 133 S.S. BROCKLEY HILL torpedoed.	BROCKLEY HILL torpedoed crew number 34 all saved. Did not appear to sink but on fire. 0905 or 1905 Z/24 in 056° 13' N. 037° 21'. Details of attack. (H.M.C.S. OTTAWA 0701Z/25).
REFAH (torpedoed 23/6).	(Turkish) carrying submarine crew to Egypt for onward passage to U.K. was torpedoed in position 40 miles south Mersin at 2230/23. Aircraft and motor vessels searching for ships boats of which one only has Turkish (corrupt group). R.A.F. Cyprus co-operating. Presume attack was by submarine. (N.A. Angora 1133/25 to Adty.).
INVERLEE (incorrectly reported torpedoed 24/6)	SKEENA and ST. LAURENT should return through 056° 13' N. 037° 21' W. where INVERLEE was torpedoed and through 055° 10' N. 038° 30' W. where O.B. 336 was attacked remaining these areas till prudent limit of endurance. (C. in C.W.A. 1233B/25 to REPULSE).
Unknown ship.	At 1040 G.M.T/25 2 shore W/T Stns. read SSSS on 500 kc/s per sec. Nothing further heard. No bearing obtained. Any ship which can give further useful information is to report it. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1249Z/25).
MALANGE sunk 5/6. GANDA (survivors) (torpedoed 19/6)	Submarine sighted off Furna Ilha Brava Cape Verde Island 13/6. Portuguese Merchant Vessel MALANGE was (? sunk) by unknown submarine 40 24 N. 64 31 W. on 5/6 1800. My 1909/22 missing boat from GANDA safe total casualties four killed. (N.A. Lisbon 1834/25).
PENDRECHT.	PANDORA reports she has 12 survivors from PENDRECHT sunk by U-boat in 46° 00' N. 38° 00' W. If weather moderates she E.T.A. R/V at 0600Z + 5/28 (C. in C. A.W.I. 23590/25 to B.A.R.M.).

Submarines Reported.

1330 G.M.T/23.	Detached ship (4 corrupt groups ?ALINDTAKA) reports sighted submarine in 053° N. 041° W. at ? 1330 G.M.T./23 course 144. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 0115Z/24 to Adty. etc.).

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C.(7) 1454B/25)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By GLADIOLUS. About 0400 Sighted Submarine on the surface near HX 133. D.C. attack made assisted by NASTURTIUM. Submarine surfaced and was sunk by gunfire at close range (? in) 056° 36' N. 037° 08 ' W. Rejoining convoy with NASTURTIUM. (GLADIOLUS 0700Z/25 to C. in C.W.A., OTTAWA 0827Z/25).

Vichy French S/M sunk. By PARTHIAN See Mediterranean.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Various areas in the Sound and Baltic are reported to have been or about to be mined by Germany, Finland and Sweden. It is reported that German aircraft have mined the approaches to Murmansk.

The Swedish Navy this forenoon treacherously seized the 3 Polish submarines interned at Grippsholm.

British Air Operations.

Shipyards at Bremen, Dutsche Werke Shipyard area at Kiel, and Rotterdam docks and oil plants were attacked last night by Bomber Command; and Boulogne by Swordfish of Coastal Command.

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Enemy Air Operations.

Attacks on East Coast Convoys:

Very low level bombing attacks are now taking place on East Coast Convoys between dusk and daylight.
Convoy F.S. was bombed early this morning off Yarmouth. No report of damage has been received. M.L. 152 was bombed near Aldeburgh float a little later. Convoy E.C. 38 was attacked late tonight near 57 Buoy M/S Trawler TRANIO was sunk. Convoy W.N. 45 was attacked this afternoon off the East coast of Scotland. No damage is reported.

Mining.

Minelaying off East Coast.

Mines were detonated today off the Tyne and in the Thames Estuary. Minelaying by aircraft is suspected off Aldeburgh.

North Atlantic.

MARSDALE intercepted the French Ketch L'EMERAUDE late tonight and is sending her to St. Johns N.F.

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South Atlantic.

Lagos.	Another mine was exploded today. The port remains open, but shipping is not allowed to move until after Sweeping tomorrow.
Requisitioned enemy ships.	Permission is being given for certain enemy ships requisitioned by South American Governments, to make voyages in our interest between American or British Ports.

Mediterranean.

Malta.	A few aircraft dropped bombs on Malta last night. No casualties or damage resulted.
Libya and Western Desert.	4 Marylands attacked Tripoli harbour p.m. today.
Palestine and Syria.	Albacores attacked destroyers in Beirut Harbour last night. It is reported that no hits were secured.

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SITUATION REPORT.

East Indies.

C. in C. E.I. is disturbed at the weakening of our control of Basra and the Shatt-el-Arab resulting from the armistice terms.

U-Boat Campaign.

Atlantic (north)	S.S. JOSEPH DUHAMEL reported being attacked from 1837 to 1930 G.M.T. 63° 7' N. 21° 28' - 45' W.
Convoy H.X. 133 again attacked. 4 Ships torpedoed.	Convoy H.X. 133 was twice attacked again latetonight in approx. 60° N. 30° 45' W. S.S. TIBIA was torpedoed but proceeded with the convoy, S.S. MAASDAM was sunk, KONGSGAARD was torpedoed and proceeded some miles astern of the convoy, and S.S. MALAYA II blew up. A Sunderland aircraft escort was present. KONGSGAARD apparently caught up the convoy later. Survivors of MAASDAM included several Americans.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Harrying of U-Boats off Orkneys.

Admty. 1454B/25. I consider it most necessary that S/M's near Orkneys and Shetlands should be harried. (2) Suggest A/S air patrols be arranged to cover an area 59° to 60° N. and 003° 20'W to 005° W., with sufficient intensity to ensure that no U-boat could surface for charging within this area over a period of 48 hours. (3) It will be necessary, in addition, to ask for A/S air protection for cruisers and above in the exercise areas. (4) Unfortunately no H.F. destroyers are available for sweeping, but two could be sent out at short notice if contact is obtained within a reasonable distance. (C. in C. H.F. 1232B/26 to A.C.O.S).
Your 1232B/26. Para. 2. This has been arranged. (A.C.O.S. 1810/26 to C. in C. H.F).

N.P.Trawlers Operational Control.

A.L. M.07482/41 20/6/41. From 0001/27 I will take over operations of trawlers N.P. from F.O.C.N.P. For the present operational orders will continue to be issued by S.O. Trawlers N.P, Kirkwall under my direction. (A.C.O.S. 1241B/26).

East Coast Convoys. Disposition of Escorts against A/C attack.

To endeavour to counter the very low level bombing attacks now taking place on East Coast Convoys between dusk and daylight it is considered essential to develop the maximum possible barrage fire from escorts and Merchant vessels alike. (Tactical arrangements.) (C. in C. Nore 1610B/26 to C. in C. Rosyth).
Your 1610B/26. Concur. (C. in C. Rosyth 1835/26 to C. in C. Nore).

M.L's with C.E. and C.W. Convoys.

M.L.'s escorting C.E. and C.W. Convoys will in future be stationed at visibility distance from Convoy during daylight while on passage between Owers and Dungeness for Air Sea Rescue. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1757B/26.)

Defence of U.K.

Portland and Weymouth A/A Defence.

Engagement of seen targets during the hours of darkness. (Air Ministry 1040/26).

Clyde A/S Protection.

Your 1024B/12 and 1740B/14. Captain M/L Clyde has received instructions to ship 6 M.L.s at once. This will leave 2 M.L.s for A/S defence of the Clyde after tomorrow. Request immediate reinforcement. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1606B/26 to C. in C. W.A).

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Movements.

Fleet Tender "B". — Intend sailing Fleet Tender "B" disguised as a man of war from Methil in convoy F.S. 26 at 1200/26 for Newcastle-on-Tyne. (N.O.I.C. Methil 0945/26.

VICTORIOUS. — C. in C. H.F. 1119B/25. Propose following programme -(VICTORIOUS 1121B/26).

GREENWICH. — As speed of GREENWICH on passage in fine weather is 7 knots and no independent escort is available, intend sailing GREENWICH from Methil p.m./30 for Clyde in E.N. 39. (C. in C. Rosyth 1307/26).

VANESSA. — Arrangements for towing to London 30/6. (C. in C. Nore 2154B/26 to F.O. Yarmouth).

Operations.

Denmark Strait Patrol. — Following is a paraphrase of my 1211B/31/5. Begins. Ships patrolling Denmark Strait should normally keep eastward of a line 360° from North Cape. Ends. (C. in C. H.F. 0928B/26 to Home Fleet.)

Straits of Dover. M.T.B. Patrol. — Weather permitting one unit of 70 M.T.B's is to patrol tonight from vicinity of "W" Buoy in general direction 240°.
(2) Object is:- (A) To attack enemy shipping and patrols located. (B) To confirm presence of buoys.
(3) C.O. of M.L. 106 should be embarked for this patrol.
(4) Surface vessels met East of 1° 45' E. may be attacked without challenge. (C. in C. Nore 1000B/26 to BEEHIVE).

Operation Q.E. — One unit M.G.B. and A/S trawler operation Q.E. initial position 5 miles 090° from No. 5 Buoy. (N.O.I.C. Harwich 1645B/26 to EGLINTON);

M.T.B. Operation. — Three M.T.B.'s sail at 2230 to operate off Berck Sur Mer and return at about 0445. (V.A. Dover 1737B/26).

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British Air Activity.

Patrols.

Patrols STAB and BERT ONE on Norwegian Coast about 1100/26. P.R.U. Trondheim, and coast between that place and Stadlandet, being flown today as soon as conditions suitable. Patrol STAND ordered to be flown at last light 26th. (C. in C. Rosyth 0952/26).

Fighter Protection information.

Since the new method of asking for Fighter protection has been in use no indication has been received by me of the nature or extent of protection provided in each case. Request I may be informed of your arrangements on every occasion. (V.A. Dover 1039B/26 to 11 Group).

Bombing Restrictions.

Cancel submerged bombing restrictions in area 52, in area 54 North of 047° N., in area 73 north of 048° N., and in area 55 until 1200 tomorrow. (F.O.S. 1606B/26 to S/M's Area A.).
OPS 696. 26/6. Ships are not to be attacked South of Brest East of 0500 W. and North of 4630 N without previous reference to either C. in C. or S.A.S.O. H.Q.C.C. (H.Q.C.C. 1947/26).
The present large submerged bombing restriction areas are a serious handicap to offensive operations against U-boats by 19 Group.
2. It is requested this area may be kept to a minimum particularly when the U-boat approach routes to Brest, Lorient, and St. Nazaire are concerned. (C. in C. Plymouth 2146/26 to Adty.).

Enemy Air Activity.

Orkneys.

At 0117 onwards unidentified aircraft were over Orkneys and engaged by ground defences. No hostile aircraft passed over the Flow, no reports of bombs dropped. (A.C.O.S. 0259/26).

Convoy F.S. Even.

Convoy Arena is being shadowed by one enemy aeroplane bearing 280° 4 miles in 52° 31' N. 2° 5' E. (WALLACE 0431/26).
Enemy Aircraft bombing Convoy in 52° 31' N. 2° 5' E. (WALLACE 0459/26).
Fighters are being sent. (Nore W/T 0515/26).

M.L. 152.

Am being bombed position Aldeburgh Float. (M.L. 152 0516B/26).

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Convoy W.N. Odd.	Fighters have been despatched to Convoy RUSTY. (Rosyth W/T 1800/26).
Convoy MIGHT. TRANIO (M/S Trawler) damaged.	Aircraft bombing convoy. Position 53° 1' N. 1° 47' E. (QUANTOCK 2306/26). TRANIO disabled by bomb. TANGO standing by. Position 57 Buoy. (QUANTOCK 2320B/26).

Mining.

Thames Estuary.	One Mine detonated by S.A. gear at 2018/25 as follows. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1032/26).
Burnham.	My 0945/23. One mine demolished at 0955/26. The second reported proved to be parachute cap. (R.N.O. Burnham 1100/26).
Tyne.	1 red ground magnetic mine detonated at 1010/26 in 061° Tyne North Pier Light 1¼ cables. (F.O.I.C Tyne 1211/26).
Passage of CUMBERLAND.	Add to my 1230B/25. S.A. Sweep is also to be similarly carried out as far as practicable. (C. in C. Nore 1532B/26).
Off Aldeburgh.	A/C seen to rise from surface 190° 7 cables from Aldeburgh Buoy. Minelaying suspected. Other planes in vicinity. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1542B/26).
East Coast Sweeps.	Details. (N.O.I.C. Harwich 1645B/26 to EGLINTON).
Enemy Minelaying in Baltic etc.	Details. All above graded A two. (N.A. Stockholm 1815/26).

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Enemy Intelligence.

TIRPITZ. — TIRPITZ at Kiel 23/6 cleverly camouflaged at southern Mole of Canal entrance of Holtenau. Graded A.2. (N.A. Stockholm 1007/26).

German use of Swedish Territorial Waters. — (1) Ministry of Defence informed me today that new attitude has not caused Sweden to alter her situation regarding passage of German mails through her territorial waters. Asking for an interpretation of meaning of this I was referred to following relevant passage extracted from Swedish treatise of International Law begins. " Merchant vessels chartered as troop transports, coal or ammunition transports and so on, but still sailing under merchang flags, shall be treated as merchant ships" Ends.
(2) Conclusion. In view of mining in Baltic there seems little doubt that German transports to Finland will enjoy protection of Swedish territorial waters. (N.A. Stockholm 1809/26).

Enemy Minelaying in Baltic. — N.A. Stockholm 1815/26. (See Mining).

Seizure of Polish S/Mb. — Swedish Navy treacherously seized the three interned Polish submarines at Grippsholm this fore noon 26 and (? detained) Polish personnel. Vessels being towed to Stockholm. Strong representations being made. (N.A. Stockholm 1819/26).

Casualties and Defects.

BRIGHTON. — Comply with C. in C.H.F. 2309B/25. (C. in C. W.A. 0050B/26 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).
My 1952B/25. BRIGHTON with AURORA believed to be in Reydarford. Proceed there unless other information is received. (C. in C. H.F. 0317B/26 to ECHO).
Consider BRIGHTON will be seaworthy and able to steam 10 knots by 1200Z tomorrow. Intend to sail with her at that time and proceed by Skopen Fiord to U.K. Request one tug (? may) stand by and air and Destroyer A/S escort during passage. (AURORA 0935/26 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).
Pass following position on passage to Reydar Fiord. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1104B /26 to MARAUDER, THAMES).

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BRIGHTON-Contd. — AURORA 0935/26. C. in C.W.A. is requested to arrange A/S air escort if practicable. (ii) ECHO is to provide A/S escort to lat. of Cape Wrath. (iii) AURORA report time of departure and route to above addressees and remain as A/A escort to lat. of Cape Wrath. (C. in C. H.F. 2225B/26).

Shipping and Convoys.

H.X. 133. — 10 hours late 47 ships. VIGRID straggling. SOLOY, BROCKLEY HILL torpedoed. My position. (WOLFE 0600Z/26 to C. in C.W.A).

Reporting ships detached from O.B. Convoys. — In order to establish daily D.R. positions as accurately as possible of ships for African and South American ports detached from O.B. Convoys in extreme West longitude, escorts are to report time and position of dispersal at the earliest moment that wireless silence can be broken without endangering ships in vicinity. (A.C.N.S. (T) 1115B/26 to C. in C.W.A, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.O.A.C. Halifax, C.C.N.F).

H.X. 131. — H.X. 131. Route altered. Met as arranged. All ships present. Fog from 18/6. (Admty.1541B/26 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 660).

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North Atlantic.

Ship mined. F.O.C.N.A. 1008A/26. See Mediterranean.

SULLBERG. (German) Left Valencia 23rd for Marseilles. (F.O.C.N.A. 1108A/26 to O.23.)

LE TRAIT. (French) My 1027/16. Arrived Lisbon from Setubol 25/6. (N.A. Lisbon 1245/26 to D.N.I.)
Arrival 24/6. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 1910/26 to D. of S.T.)

ERNANI. (Italian) Departure Las Palmas 2215/25 for unknown destination. Description. (F.O.C.N.A.S.1329A/26.)

CORINTHIAN. A.T. 1854B/25 para. 2. CORINTHIAN is to patrol M.2. (D.O.D.F. 1532B/26.)

PRU at Gibraltar. A photographic R/C unit is now stationed at Gibraltar. (S.O.I. Gibraltar 1742/26.)

FANDANGO.
MORRIS DANCE.
SARABANDE.
CORDELIA.
NORSE. Expected to arrive Fayal (Azores) about 5/7. Request arrangements to provide approximately 700 tons of coal for these ships. Senior Officer has been informed that not more than 5 ships may enter port on one day. Permission is being asked through Ambassador. (D.O.D.F. 1749B/26 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)
Not more than 5 H.M. Ships are allowed to enter Fayal in one day. Comply. (D.O.D.F.1802B/26 to Ships.)

Suspicious Vessel. N.A. Lisbon reports:- Unknown vessel sighted about 1400 in 44 50 N. 10 10 W. course W. speed 13 knots, appears similar to British Naval Auxiliary. No marking or flag visible, T.O.O. 2130/25. (F.O.C.N.A. 1824A/26 to Admty. etc.)

AURIS. My position 034° N. 019° 20' W. Tanker AURIS not met. Returning to Gibraltar owing to shortage of fuel. (ERIDGE 2200A/26 to F.O.C.N.A.)

French convoy. Convoy of 4 French merchant vessels left Casablanca at 18/24 escorted by destroyers, 2 are BELLE ISLE and OUED FEZ. Believed to be proceeding to Dakar and that cargo includes American aircraft and trucks. Graded B.3. (Wagon, Tangier, 2243/26 to Admty.)

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South Atlantic.

GOLDMOUTH.
ALDERAMIN. — Overdue shipping. My 1931/25 GOLDMOUTH arrived Durban. Dutch ship ALDERAMIN due Durban 21st Madras not arrived. (S.O.(I) Cape Town 0942B/26.)

DRAGON. — If your presence is no longer required at Lagos proceed to Pointe Noire to arrive a.m/1/7, leaving 5/7 for Cape. (C. in C.S.A. 1339N/26 to DRAGON.)

Requisitioned enemy ships. — Permission is being given for certain enemy ships requisitioned by the South American Gov. to make voyages in our interest between American or British Ports. Re flags and reporting.
(II) Following Danish vessels now in Chilian Port will sail shortly wearing Chilian Flag for U.S. North Atlantic port: HELGA, LAILA, LOTTA, SELMA, FRIDA. (C. in C.S.A.1405N/26 to S.A.S. Sqn.)

LT. ST. LOUBERT BIE. — My 1015/7. Ship's log in my possession covering period 28/1 to date of interception. Ship -remained at Marseilles between 28/1 and 11/4. Request instructions as to disposal. (S.O.I. Capetown 1453/26.)

CRITON. — Have you any further information to add to your 2121N/22 concerning the loss of S.S. CRITON. (D.O.D.F. 1719B/26 to C. in C.S.A.)

CAMERONIA. — My 1849/26. Request you will suggest position in which CILICIA escorting CAMERONIA should leave to return to Freetown observing she will have no A/S escort after leaving. (C. in C.S.A.1885N/26 to F.O.C.N.A.)

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA. — My 1930B/25. Para.4.
Now considered unsuitable for inclusion in S.L. Convoy. Can you provide ocean escort to lat. 50° N. (C. in C.S.A. 105, 1947B/26 to Admty.)

Your 1930/25 para.4. QUEEN OF BERMUDA will carry out this duty, DUNEDIN proceeding June 27th to relieve her in J.55. (C. in C.S.A. 2113N/26 to Admty.)

LONDON. — Return to Freetown. (C. in C.S.A.2053N/26 to LONDON.)

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Mediterranean.

Enemy Convoy. P. C. and S. of 2 enemy Merchant vessels and 1 destroyer (338??). 33° 42' N. 13° 19' E. 2110 - 18. (More W/T 0308/26.)
Convoy attacked 2140B/25 036° (?34') 016° 00' force unknown probably two merchant ships escort seven destroyers. (S.O.(S) Malta, 0331B/26 to UNIQUE, UPRIGHT, REGENT.)
Twp merchant ships one destroyer 034° 23' 013° 20' 205° 16 knots 0506B/26. (S.O.S/Ms. Malta, 0661B/26 to UPRIGHT, UNIQUE, REGENT.)

Ship mined. Unconfirmed report ship (corrupt group) sunk by mine 5 miles south of Genoa or Savona. (F.O.C.N.A. 1008A/26 to C.23.)

Situation report. Repetition of his 3349/21. (C. in C. Med.1020C/26) see 21/6.

Orders to S/M's. At 2100B/26 proceed as follows REGENT, URGE resume original patrol. UPHOLDER, UNBEATEN proceed to Malta by North East Channel to arrive about 0630B/27. UPRIGHT, UNIQUE proceed through 35° 36' 14° 08' 35° 30' 14° 14' respectively to arrive about 0630B/28. UNION arrives Malta 0700B/27 from Westward. (S.O.S/M's Malta, 1120B/26 to S/M's Malta Force, REGENT.)

Constanza. A.2 intelligence report. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1225/26) See Lion Copy.

Red Crosses on Hospital Ships. Insufficiently visible. To be enlarged to maximum possible size. (D. of S.T. 1254B/26.)

OSIRIS. RORQUAL. OSIRIS and RORQUAL are proceeding to Malta carrying petrol and cannot use identification flares. T.B.R. required 5 miles either side of route from now until 0600B/2/7 as follows. (V.A. Malta, 1325B/26.)

Proposed operations. C. in C. Med. 14220/26. See Mediterranean Volume.

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Air Operations. Night 25/26 June, about 20 Aircraft approached, only 5 crossed coast dropping bombs. No casualties or damage. P.M./25 Convoy 4 Troopships 6 D.R.'s located and shadowed East Sicilian Coast. A.M./26 Aircraft searched from Sicily to Tripoli for Convoy, not seen. 4 Marylands attacked Convoy 4 M.V.'s 20,000 tons, 6 D.R.'s off Sicily at dusk (25/6) 1 direct hit at least 1,500 lb. M.Bomb causing fire with much smoke amidships. 1 Maryland missing. Later 7 Swordfish made Torpedo attack 2 M.V.'s hit with third probable hit. Further results unobserved owing to darkness. One Swordfish missing. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1801/26.)

Suez Canal. My 1221/21. For 36 feet read 34 feet. (C. in C. Med. 1907/26.)

Tobruk. Appreciation of situation by C's in C. in reply to Chiefs of Staff Nos. 134 and 136. (C. in C. Middle East 2119/26). See Lion Copy.

MAURO CROCE (Italian) Arrived 23/6.

SULLBERG (German) Arrived 24/6. (Barcelona 2115/25 to D. of S.T.)

Palestine and Syria.

15th C.S. bombardment. Your 2101 - well done. LEANDER and 5 destroyers will be bombarding off Ras Damour from 0500 to 0545/26. Keep clear. (C.S.15 01770/26 to PARTHIAN.)

Air attack on Beirut. 2 Albacore 829 Sqn. carried out dive bombing attacks on Beirut harbour at 2130/25. One stick seen to fall between East Mole and large jetty. Destroyer alongside quay in between but no hit can be confirmed. One Swordfish carried out sweep to North of harbour with torpedoes. Hospital ship in Bay 5 miles to North of harbour but no suitable target seen. Aircraft returned with torpedoes. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 09440/26 to R.A. 15 C.S.)

S/M's. Informing him of movements affecting him. (Capt. (S) I. 10330/26 to ? C.S.15)

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Air raid on Haifa.	25/6/41. No damage. No casualties. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1159/26)
Alleged shelling of ambulances in Syria by British warships.	Your 1352B/24. Ships engaged close in shore on 14/6 were JERVIS and GRIFFIN. In both cases I am quite satisfied that no vehicle with visible Red Cross Marking was engaged. 2. JERVIS engaged: (A) An armoured car which replied. (B) Gun Batteries. (C) Various wooded areas in which troops and/or Motor transports were thought to be concealed. 3. GRIFFIN had instructions to stop all movements on roads and engaged. (Targets R.A.(D) Med. 11170/25) (C. in C. Med. 1529C/26 to Admty.)
Movements.	Have detached KANDAHAR, KIMBERLEY with WARSPITE, GRIFFIN pending reply to R.A.(D) Med's 1101/25. Destroyer not required to join C.S.15 has been ordered to rejoin me 0700/27. (V.A.1 B.S. 1551C/26 to C. In C. Med.)
LATONA.	Not able to join you tonight. (R.A.D.F. 1630/26 to V.A.1. B.S.) Intend to sail at 2200 today for short trial. If no defect develops to remain at sea for night and join F.O.C. 1st B.S. at 0630/27. (R.A.(D) Med. 1802/26 to C. in C. Med.)
Beirut.	A/C attacking destroyers in Beirut harbour tonight Thursday. This is done on most nights. (F.O.C. 15 C.S. 1920/26 to PARTHIAN.)
Air attack on Beirut.	829 Sqn. Albacores. 2 sorties against destroyers Beirut harbour night 25/26. 120 250 pounds dropped. No hits observed bombs fell between East Mole and large jetty. 1 Swordfish carried out sweep to North of harbour with torpedoes no suitable target found. (H.Q. R.A.F. P.T.J. 2135/26.)

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Situation Report No.68. Syria. PARTHIAN sunk French Submarine REQUIN Class in position 33 49 N. 35 26 E. at 1948/25. 2. LEANDER and three destroyers bombarded at dawn 26th in Damur area. Only slight activity on land until main army advance is restarted. -3. Tripoli convoy see V.A. Malta 1331/26. Battle Fleet is at sea exercising between Port Said and Alexandria. (C. in C. Med. 2344C/26.)

East Indies.

RANCHI. COLOMBO. Orders for COLOMBO to relieve RANCHI on patrol. (C. in C.E.I. 1158Z/26.)

CORNWALL. Sailed 0630Z/26 in accordance with your 0748/25. (CORNWALL, 0631Z/26 to C. in C.E.I.)

Shipping for Basra. (1) ARTHUR CAVANAGH at Karachi sails for Basra about 26/6.
(2) MILFORD COUNTESS leaves Karachi 25/6 due Bombay 28/6 to dock and repair. Sails for Basra on completion.
(3) SNAPDRAGON leaves Bombay 26 June for Basra. (C. in C.E.I. 1210Z/26.)

Escort, W.African Troops. A.M. 2031/17. War Office state troops will be ready to embark at Mombasa in returning W.S. 8 B ships at end of July. Request confirmation that escort can be provided. (D.O.D.F. 1857B/26 to C. in C.E.I.)

Sweep in Gulf of Suez. After reaching Strait of Jubal carry out sweeps with "A" sweep of following area to at least depth of 45 feet to ensure there are no uncharted pinnacle rocks. (C. in C.E.I. 2026Z/26 to BATHURST.)

Basra and Shatt-el-Arab. (1) S.N.O. Persian Gulf informs me (a) Iraqi gunboats and troops are returning to their peace time stations at Basra.
(2) These movements are stated to be in accordance with armistice terms. If this is a fact, I hope no further weakening of our control of Basra and Shatt-el-Arab is going to be allowed.
(C. in C.E.I. 2028Z/26 to Admty.)

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America and West Indies.

SURCOUF. Amty. 0008/26. See Operations Volume.

AURORA.
KURIKKA.
(Finnish) At La Guayra. Government guards on board, Venezuelan Gunboat GENERAL SALOM standing by. Inference. Will not be permitted sail without clearance and will be escorted through territorial waters. Government Inspired Press states event Finland becoming belligerant, ships will be allowed 24 hours to sail failing which will be interned. (S.O.(1) Jamaica. 0956R/26 to Admty., C. in C.A.W.I. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

S.S.DOROTHY DUKE, ODVAR. Incident (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1818Q/26.)

MERCIER (Torpedoed 9/6.) Reference Rugby's Broadcast 0037/18 regarding Finnish KEMI having picked up survivors Belgian MERCIER. So far as is known there may be four passengers and 22 crew of MERCIER still on board. Finnish HAMMARLAND has landed 45 MERCIER survivors at Norfolk (Virginia) (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1836Z/26)

Vessels sighted by ANTANGA. Your 1033B/25. Further to my 2051Z/21 it is now reported that vessels were two large French trawlers and two Portuguese vessels. They acted suspiciously and did not fish. Intend sailing CHRISTMRFIELD to investigate. (C.C.N.F.1852Z/26 to Admty.)

Australia.

SKJELBRED. (Norwegian) Due Brisbane 16/6 from Antofagasta. Not arrived. (Admty. 1619B/26 to N.C.S.O. Brisbane.)

ANATINA. Have you any news of Norwegian ANATINA from Balboa due 17/6. (D.T.D. 1621B/26 to N.C.S.O. Melbourne.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

KINROSS.	ORILLIA has on board all crew of 37 of KINROSS. (OTTAWA 0725Z/26 to C. in C.W.A.) W.D. Note: ? torpedoed in O.B.336 24/6.
SANGARA. (sunk 13/5)	Considered probably sunk by torpedo, reported portion of torpedo has been found by divers. (C. in C.S.A. 1041N/26 to Admty.)
MERCIER (torpedoed 9/6.)	Belgian ship MERCIER sunk by torpedoes at 2218 ship's time/9 in 48° 30' N. 41° 30' W. Survivors landed by Finnish ship HAMMARLAND. Details. (Consul, Norfolk, Va. 1550Z/26)
YSELHAVEN (Sunk 6/6)	Netherland ship YSELHAVEN torpedoed 50 1620, ship's time, 6/6 in 49 25 N. 40 54 W. sank. Survivors (details) landed by Finnish ship PALKMARLAND. (Consul, Norfolk, Va. 1552Z/26)
S.S.JOSEPH DUHAMEL.	SSSS. 63 07 N. 21 28 - 45 W. JOSEPH DUHAMEL attacked by submarine 1837 - 1930 G.M.T. (Liverpool W/T 1837/26, Iceland W/T 1931/26, 2117/26, 2118/26, 2121/26.)
Unknown ship.	N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1249/25. Could this have been ? ship in Northern area. (C. in C.S.A. 1850N/26 to Admty.)
VENETIA's Life-Boat.	Ship's (? lifeboat) marked VENETIA Glasgow picked up 23/6 in 062° N. 015° 20' W. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 2201/25)
S.S. TIBIA. (H.X.113)	SSSS. 59 R. 55 N. 30 R. 49 W. TIBIA torpedoed. (Iceland W/T T.O.R. 2305/26.)
S.L.78 RIVER LUGAR.	S.L. 78 attacked by S/M. RIVER LUGAR torpedoed, position 259 24° N. 21° W. 10 - X 20. (SHROPSHIRE 2340N/26)

Submarines Reported.

2128 G.M.T. /25.	At 2128 G.M.T. German U-boat within 100 miles of 037° N. 017° W. (F.O.C.N.A. 0223A/26 to N.A.Stn.)
1515 G.M.T.	S.S. INDIAN PRINCE report begins: Strong suspicion U.Boat sighted in 058° 39' N. 044° 08' W. at 1515 G.M.T. (N.S.H. Ottawa 0254Z/26 to Fairmiss, C.C.N.F.)

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Off Huelva 23/6. Portuguese fishermen report sighting submarine cruising 10 miles S.W. Huelva at daylight June 23rd course S.W. (LOCH OSKAIG 1030B/26 to F.O.C.N.A.)

By A/C 1241. Am over Enemy S/M in position 59° 50' N. 30° 25' W. T.O.O. 1241. (A/C Duty K. 1402/26, C. in C.W.A. 1805B to OTTAWA.)

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1456B/26)

2350. Am over enemy submarine in position 59° 52' N. 29° 55' W. (A/C Duty H. 2330/26)

1920/25 G.M.T. By D/F position of U.Boat was approx. 55° 00' N. 32° 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 0105B/26.)

Submarines Attacked.

U.Boat to be attacked. C. A U.Boat was reported in V.C.E.C. 2740 at 1425/25 and it is thought that it will endeavour to arrive at Lorient at dawn 26/6.
One Beaufort armed with 4 D.C's and 2 A.S. bombs to carry out sweep from V.C.C.T. 3000 to Lorient.
Aircraft to leave first position at dawn 26/6.
(A.C.H.Q. Plymouth 0215/26 to St. Eval.)

By A/C 0825. 43° 0' N. 9° 20' W. 0825/26. No indication of damage. (Plymouth A.C.H.Q. T.1200/26.)

By A/C 1415. Have attacked enemy submarine in 43° 17' N. 8° 45' W. submerged, not hit. (A/C Duty S. 1415/26 1455/26, Plymouth A.C.H.Q. 1940/26.)

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Home Commands.

M.T.B. Operation.

3 M.T.B.'s operated off Berck Sur Mer last night.

British Air Operations.

31 Aircraft of Bomber Command attacked Kiel last night.

Shipping was attacked off Dunkirk today by aircraft of Coastal Command, with reported success against a 3,000 ton ship.

Enemy Air Operations.

Attacks on East Coast Shipping.

Convoy W.N.45 was attacked again in the early hours, off the East coast of Scotland. No damage is reported.

M/S trawler Group 16 was attacked at about 2330 whilst at anchor off Spurn Point. All four ships returned safely to harbour, but LOCH ERIBOLL, WELSBACH and LOCH LEVEN were damaged.

A/P Trawler OYSTERMOUTH CASTLE was bombed and damaged this morning off Lowestoft.

F.S. Convoy called for help at 2346 in 52° 21' N 1° 42' E.

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Mining

Minelaying by enemy aircraft occurred off the East Coast and in the Thames Estuary last night. Restrictions were imposed in the River, a stretch of which was closed for some hours.

South Atlantic

Takoradi — Another mine was exploded today. The port is closed, but there are many ships outside and it is intended to sweep some of them in as early as possible.

Lagos. — Another mine was exploded today.

Mediterranean

Submarine sunk by WISHART — F.O.C.N.A. reports that WISHART sank an Italian submarine today in approx. (?35°) 10' N., 12° 35' W. and picked up the crew.

Submarine Operations. — UNION reports sinking an escorted south bound laden merchant vessel of 2800 tons at 1507/22 in 36° 9' N., 11° 58' E. TRIUMPH encountered and sank by gunfire and torpedoes a submarine steering north at 0810 today in 32° 5' N., 26° 47' E.

/Libya.....

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Mediterranean-Contd.

Libya & Western Desert

5 Swordfish and 4 Wellingtons attacked Tripoli harbour last night. A direct hit was made on a large merchant ship outside the harbour.

America & West Indies

SS FRUMENTON reported at 0010 G.M.T. being followed by a suspicious vessel in 40° 8' N., 53° 44' W.

U-Boat Campaign

Attack on H.X. 133 second U-Boat sunk.

GLADIOLUS who on 24/6 sank a U-Boat which attacked Convoy H.X. 133 reports sinking another U-Boat, with NASTURTIUM and CELANDINE in company, in 60° 18' N., 29° 20' W. 41 survivors were picked up.

SS BALTARA a straggler from H.X. 133 was torpedoed at 0200/27 in 58° 0' N., 30° 58' W.

Attacks on S.L. 78.

S.L. 78 was attacked late on 26/6 and SS RIVER LUGAR was sunk in approx. 24° N., 21° W. SS EMPIRE ABILITY was also torpedoed. The convoy was attacked again late tonight in 25° 43' N., 22° 44' W.

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Policy.

TJALDUR. A.C.O.S. 1131/27. Danish TJALDUR is to be sailed from Kirkwall with armed guard to Clyde by earliest opportunity. On arrival ship is to handed into custody of Collector of Customs representing Admiralty Marshal.
(D.T.D. 2016B/27)

Movements.

NORFOLK. On crossing 25° W. NORFOLK is to part company with the convoy and proceed independently passing through 56° 40' N. 14° W. thence to Scapa to refuel. C. in C.H.F. is requested to sail NORFOLK to South Shields for repairs in accordance with a.m.1637B/17/6 and 0459B/19/6. Anticipated time required for repairs, three to four weeks. NORFOLK will disembark prisoners of war at South Shields. (A.C.S. H. 0018B/27)

CHALLENGER. LAVENDER. STARWORT. Your 1444B/26. On passage to Bathurst CHALLENGER, LAVENDER and STARWORT should not call at Gibraltar. Ships may call at Ponta Delgada Azores for fuel if necessary.
3. Permission is being sought through Ambassador and fuel is being arranged by Admiralty.
(D.O.D. H. 1215B/27 to C. in C.W.A.)

POZARICA. A.M.1725B/17. POZARICA is delayed. Anticip date of sailing 9/7. (D.O.D.H. 1254B/27.)

JUMNA. Alter course to pass through 059° 20' N. 5° W. to avoid submarine reported in my 1730.
(A.C.O.S. 1745/27 to JUMNA.)

VICTORIOUS. Intend sailing VICTORIOUS escorted by CHARLESTOWN ST. MARYS, WINCHESTER passing Clyde boom at 0620B/28 thence in accordance with VICTORIOUS 1131B/26. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1828/27)

RAMILLIES. RAMILLIES, HAVELOCK, HARVESTER, ASSINIBOINE expect to arrive H valfjordur 0400 G.M.T./28
(RAMILLIES 2001Z/27.)

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Operations.

Straits of Dover. M.T.B. Patrol.

BEEHIVE reports:- Your 1000B/26. No vessels sighted. Re buoys. 0959/27. Ends. (C. in C. Nore. 1146B/27)

Operation N.L. 4.

Intend to carry out operation N.L.4 tomorrow night. (V.A. Dover 2009B/27.)
Intend to operate 2 M.L.'s close N.W. of Boulogne between 0100 and 0300/29. Request arrangements be made that they shall on no account be illuminated by Flares from friendly aircraft. (V.A. Dover 2011B/27 to H.Q.C.C.)

British Air Activity.

Bombing Restrictions.

Cancel S.B.R. in area X and in area 73 North of 048° N. forthwith until further notice. (F.O.S. 1038B/27 to H.Q.C.C.)
F.S.A.5 para 25 and C. in C. Plymouth 2146/26.
In future F.O.S. will order S.B.R. as necessary in areas 54, 55 and 56 and any extensions to westwards which may be necessary to cover Patrol areas. All bombing restrictions to cover passage routes are to be ordered by Captains concerned when required. (F.O.S. 1038B/27.)

Patrols.

P.R.U. for Aalberg and Fredrikshafen now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1040/27.)
Three Hudson Aircraft leave following Datum Points at 1530/27 and search on tracks 045° as far as 61° N. thence on track 000° to 62° N. thence return direct to Datum. Datum Points H.V.V.U. 0022 - H.V.Q.J. 0000 H.V.Q.J. 0038. (C. in C. Rosyth 1414/27.)

Emden and Kiel attacked.

On Night 26/27 3 A/C attacked Emden and 31 A/C attacked Kiel. Results not observed. (H.Q.B.C. 1550/27.)

Enemy Air Activity.

TRANIO. (Bombed 26/6.)

Departure tug KROONAN at 0136 to assist TRANIO. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0145B/27.)
TRANIO in E.C.38 damaged by bomb at 2320B/26 near 57 Buoy. Ship sank at 0325B/27 while in tow of TANGO 350° 4 cables from 56 B. Buoy. All crew are safe on board TANGO. (TANGO 0100B/27, F.O.I.C. Gt Yarmouth 0145B/27, 1210B/27, 2132B/27, C. in C. Nore 0947B/27.)

/OYSTERMOUTH .....

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Enemy Air Activity - Contd.

OYSTERMOUTH CASTLE - damaged. Damaged by near miss. No casualties. Ship being docked at Lowestoft. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 0514B/27, 1215B/27.)

Convoy F.S. Even. Help Convoy ARENA 52° 21' N. 1° 42' E. (LIDDESDALE 2346/27.) Fighters have been despatched. (Nore W/T 2357B/27.)

Mining.

River Thames. Navigation in river from Tilbury Docks to Sea Reach No.4 Buoy is to cease immediately. (F.O.I.C. London 0615/27.) My 0615/27. Navigation may be resumed. Ships are not to enter an Area South of a line joining Shornmead Light and Hulk CORNWALL and on the West by a line from Hulk CORNWALL due South to the Foreshore. (F.O.I.C. London, 1244/27.)

East Coast Sweep. Available ships of 4th M.S.F. are to carry out an Oropesa search sweep from 54 C Buoy. If mines are found sweep is to be abandoned and force is to return. Six Blenheims of 16 group will escort force from 0500B/29 to 0800B/29. (C. in C. Nore 1152N/27.)

Off North Foreland. Mine, believed acoustic, exploded 200 yards port bow of M.T.B. 32 at 2348/26 in 51° 39' N. 2° 2' E. No damage. (C. in C. Nore 1146B/27.)

Thames Estuary. R.D.F. plots suggest mineleying about 0150 to 0215/27 in area of Whitaker Channel. A low flying plane was heard over the Alexander Channel area between 0105 and 0215. Details of explosions. My 1802/25 and several previous reports. Some Barrow Deep Light Buoys were clearly visible at over 3½ miles with the naked eye. S.O. T.L.D.F. Sheerness 1842/27.)

Murmansk. Following report received Graded A.2. German aircraft have mined approaches to Murmansk. (D.D.I.C. 2014B/27)

Liverpool. Mine report to 1000/27. One detonated by S.A. Trawler 308° Bar Light Vessel 2.1 miles. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 2308B/27.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Surface Unit. By D/F at 0641Z/27. Cupar 000/3. Traffic W.W. (D.D.I.C. 0913B/27.)
At 1411Z and 1441Z/27 W.W. reports received on 12040 kc/s. Bearings unreliable. (D.D.I.C. 1711B/27.)

Minelaying off Murmansk. D.D.I.C. 2014B/27. See Mining.

Casualties and Defects.

BRIGHTON. (Collision 25/6.) Tugs THAMES and MARAUDER E.T.A. Reydar Fjord 1700Z/27. Request sailing of BRIGHTON be postponed until their arrival. (C. in C.W.A. 0019B/27.)
C. in C. W.A. 0019B/27. Am still awaiting arrival of tugs. (AURORA 2135Z/27.)

L.26. Aground Rocks West Coast Mull position unknown. No compartments flooded. Crew landed until low tide. (L.26. 2309B/27.)

Shipping and Convoys.

O.B. 344 (A.C.N.S.(H) 1835B/27 to C. in C.W.A. (See Lion Copy.)

W.S.9.B. (C. in C.W.A.1690B/27 amended 2315B/27 to N.O.I.C. Greenock etc.) See Lion Copy.
(R.A. Minelayers 1957B/27 to Admty. etc.) See Lion Copy.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 2134/27 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

S.L.78. Quit convoy now. Maintain patrol approx. 100 miles to Westward of course of convoy.
(Admty. 1955B/27 to C. in C.W.A. ASPIODEL etc.)

H.S. 155 Your 2030B/27 (no trace) not to C. in C. W.A.
Am 6 escorts short since ships detailed in C. in C.W.As 1552B/27 are not repeat not with me.
I have no ship available to detach from H.X.133.
Weather report 6012, 2600, 0007, 5856, 2003.
(S.O. Escort Gr.8 2311B/27)

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RAIDER SITUATION.

My 1649B/18. German ALSTERTOR intercepted and scuttled 220 miles S.W. of Cape Finisterre 23/6. Survivors from RABAUL and TRAFALGAR sunk by No. 16 in approx. 19° S. 04° 30' W. 14/5 and 25° 00' E. 24/5 respectively were transferred to BABITONGA in approx. 20° S. 15° W. on 30/5 and to ALSTERTOR in approx. 15° N. 45° W. on 14/6. BABITONGA returning S.E. intercepted by LONDON in 02° 05' S. 27° 42' W. on 21/6. This may indicate No.16 not returning home. Poor D/F bearings on 23/6 indicated unit either in Indian Ocean or South Atlantic. Probably the latter. Crews of CRAFTSMAN and AGNITA are P.of W. in France. CRAFTSMAN probably attacked by No. 16 about 23/4 about 250 N.W. of Capetown and AGNITA by No.10 about 23/5 in 4° N. 23° W. (Admty. 1336B/27) amended 2115B/30.

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North Atlantic.

German Surface ship. — At 0213 bearing 228 2nd Class. (F.O.C.N.A. 0347/27)

SEVERN. — Route on leaving patrol. (F.O.C.N.A. 0908A/27 to SEVERN.)

FURIOUS. SCYTHIA. CAMERONIA. — 2309B/25 and 0049B/27. FURIOUS, SCYTHIA, CAMERONIA, LANCE and LEGION to be sailed for U.K. to R/V with ROYAL SOVEREIGN and homeward A/S escort in approx. 45° N. 25° W. 7/7. HERMIONE to escort these ships to R/V position and return to Gibraltar. (Admty.1215B/27 to F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

STORAA. — My 1711/26/4. No further report has been obtainable. (N.A. Madrid, 1225/27.)

Operation "Vigorous". — Departure CLYDE for operation "VIGOROUS". (S.O.I. Gib., 1346A/27 to Admty.)

Training Aircraft. — Emphasise need of training aircraft for A.A. and C.D. at Gibraltar. F.O.H. placed two Swordfish from ARK ROYAL at my disposal as a temporary expedient. Request for permanent training aircraft and crews. (Govr. Gib., 1921/27 to W.O.)

Gibraltar. — Re evacuation. (W.O. 2100/27 to Govr. Gib.) See Operations Vol.

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South Atlantic.

CAP EL HANK. Your 2041/24. Following is text of B.N.L.O. Baghdad's 1222/22. French Ship CAP EL HANK with troops escorted by PRESIDENT HOUDOUCE will sail from Pointe Noire Bay 23/6 for Libreville and Duala. E.T.A. Duala 25/6. (C. in C.S.A. 0307N/27 to MILFORD.)

CILICIA. My 1849/26 Amended route. (C. in C.S.A. 1035N/27 to F.O.C.N.A.)

S.L.79. Departures 0800/27. DUNNOTTAR CASTLE, CROCUS, CYCLAMEN and COLUMBINE with convoy S.L.79. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1127N/27 to Admty.)

W.S.9.A. (D.S.T. 1917B/27 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown) See Lion Copy.

SAMARIA.
HAWKINS.
WELLINGTON
W.S.9.A.
BIRMINGHAM. C. in C. E.I. 0812/26 and Admty. 1103/26 and my 2317/24. SAMARIA is to be detached as convenient when off Capetown to proceed to that port and stores to be removed. HAWKINS will also R/V with WELLINGTON and W.S.9.A in position 034° 51' S. 025° 16' E. at 1000B/2 or as arranged by F.O.I.C. Simonstown. BIRMINGHAM then to return to Capetown fuel if necessary and escort SAMARIA to Durban. (C. in C.S.A. 1957N/27 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown etc.)

HIMALAYA. (Italian) Following are additional details. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2004Z/27 to S.A.D.)

Lagos.
Takoradi. My 2041/25 DRAGON reports further explosion occurred 1700/26 near wreck of Dredger at Lagos. Very heavy swell at the time. Port remains open but shipping not allowed to move until after sweeping 27/6. POLAR 5 arrived Takoradi 26th June and commenced sweeping. POLAR 5 exploded blue mine at 0935Z/27. Port of Takoradi remains closed but there are many ships outside and it is intended to sweep ? some of them in as early as possible. (C. in C.S.A. 2105N/27 to Admty.)

German and Italian ships at Brazil ports. Understand that permission to leave Brazil ports requested by German Ambassador. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro. 2111Z/27 to Admty.)

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HERMES. (German) — Passing Fort Santa Cruz now. (N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 2120Z/27 to Admty.)

FORTUNSTELLA (Italian) — My 2220Z/19 source A.2 reports captain of FORTUNSTELLA is coming to Buenos Ayres for instructions and returning to Quequen night 29/6. Ship still has steam up and is in all respects ready for sea. (N.C.S.O. Buenos Aires 2155Z/27 to Admty.)

HERMES. FRANKFURT. (German) — Have obtained clearance and may sail any time. (N.S.O.I. Montevideo 2255Z/27 to R.A.S.A. Div.)

NATAL. (German) — Sailing. (N.C.S.O. Santos 2300Z/27 to R.A.S.A.D.)

FRANKFURT. — Passing Fort Santa Cruz now. (N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro, 2300Z/27 to Admty.)

HERMES. — Sailed from Rio de Janeiro 2120Z/27/6. (C. in C.S.A. 2325Z/27 to S.A. Stat. Sqn. S.O.I. Montevideo 2342Z/27 to R.A.S.A.D.)

BUTTERFLY. PAMPANO. (Italian) — At Pernambuco BUTTERFLY has returned to moorings, PAMPANO still discharging grain. At Para both enemy ships are reported to have drawn fires. (S.O.I.Montevideo 2340Z/27 to R.A.S.A.D.)

Mediterranean.

? REFAH. — Admty. 1634B/26 (N.T. in W.D.)
A. Request confirmation that sinking was not done by any of our forces.
B. All available information regarding both the sinking and fate of the crew should be signalled as soon as possible.
C. Request all possible steps be taken to determine by whom this ship was sunk.
(1st S.L. 0132B/27 to C. in C. Med.)
Your 0132/27.
A. Confirmed.
B. Only information other than that in your 1634/26 is that one boat with 3 (?) Turkish Naval Officers, 23 Naval ratings and 2 ships crews landed Maratash 2030/24.
C. N.C.S.O. Iskanderun reports 1456/26 that information at present available suggests ship may have struck mine.
Possible that this might have been French Submarine operating from (?Beirut) (C. in C.Med. 1839/27 to Admty.)

/KANDAHAR .....

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Mediterranean - Contd.

KANDAHAR. C. in C. Med. 12370/26 not received until 0020/27 by which time it was too late for KANDAHAR to make R/V given in R.A. 1st B.S. orders KIMBERLEY was allowed to continue to this R/V. (KANDAHAR 06230/27.)

WARSAWA. HYACINTH. My 0713/27 HYACINTH is to be sailed to R/V with WARSAWA at 0500/27 as ordered by N.O.I.C. Cyprus. (C. in C. Med. 0715/27 to N.O.I.C. Cyprus.)

Aircraft approaching Malta. In future all aircraft coming into Malta above 3000 feet will be treated as hostile. (N.O.I.C. Malta 0920B/27.)

JANUS. Admty. 2223B/20. Request you will sail JANUS for Simonstown for repairs. (C. in C. Med. 10410/27 to S.B.N.O. Suez Canal.)
C. in C. Med's 10410/27. Request you sail JANUS when ready to Aden for onward passage to Simonstown. JANUS to report intended programme. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 20510/27 to N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik.)

Enemy Convoys. At 1507/22 in 036° 09' 011° 58' attacked escorted southbound laden M/V of 2800 tons, one hit, ship observed to sink. Convoy route confirmed to be 320° for 30 miles from Lampion thence 010° to East Pantellaria. UPHOLDER reports at 2140/25 in 036° 56' 015° 46'. Convoy passed 10 miles due east. A/A Fire observed at 2130 and 2145. At 2150 searchlight silhouetted, 2 large ships apparently steering eastward. (Cdr. S.(I) 1405B/27 to Capt. S.(I)). At 1902B in 037° 59' 017° 14' 4 large Merchant ships and 6 destroyers course 175° speed 15 knots. (Cmdr.S.1. 1745B/27 to S/M's on patrol, V.A. Malta 2109B/27 to C. in C. Med.)

Tobruk. (Admty. 1441B/27 to C. in C. Med.) See Med. Vol.

PARTHIAN. PERTH and Destroyers operating off Damur tonight 27/6. Keep N. of Lat 033° 52' N. till 0400/28. (C.S. 15 1524/27 to PARTHIAN.)

REGENT. To leave patrol for Alexandria. Instructions. (Capt. S.1. 1839C/27 to REGENT.)

/Air .....

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Air attacks on Tripoli.	4 Marylands attacked Tripoli Harbour p.m./26/6. 6 500 lbs. bombs. Hits Karamali Mole Seaplane Station and Spanish Wharf starting 4 fires. All aircraft returned safely. Night 26/27 June 5 Swordfish and 4 Wellingtons attacked Tripoli Harbour. 1 direct hit on large M/V outside harbour, 3 hits Spanish Quay. (H.Q. Malta 1901/27)
U.Boat sunk by TRIUMPH.	One U.Boat sunk by gunfire and 2 torpedoes 0818/27 P.C. and S. of enemy were 032° 05' 026° 47' 003° 10. (TRIUMPH 19510/27 to Capt. (S) 1.)
JANUS.	C. in C. Med. 10410/27. Sail JANUS when ready to Aden for onward passage to Simonstown. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area 20510/27 to N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik, JANUS.)
Taranto.	Incomplete photographic R/C a.m./27 showed one battleship probably LITTORIO class and one Cruiser in outer harbour. (V.A. Malta 21093/27 to C. in C. Med.)
Situation Report No.90.	Syria. NAIAD and three destroyers swept Syrian coast during night 26/27, destroyers bombarding at dawn. Field guns replied ineffectually. Some air opposition. WARSPITE has been passed through Suez Canal. Battlefleet has returned to Alexandria. (C. in C. Med. 2131/27 to Admty.)
PARTHIAN.	Proceed forthwith through 034° 00' N. 035° 00' E. to 034° 30' N. 027° 00' E. Proceed on surface by day at your discretion between 034° 00' E. and 030° 00' E. (C. in C. Med. 2257/27 to PARTHIAN) Cancelled, see 1102/28.
Proposed Operations.	Your 14223/26. Word "observation" at end of para one not understood. (Admty. 23378/27 to C. in C. Med.)
Malta. Benghazi.	Night 25/26 and 26/27 6 Wellingtons despatched Malta for operations against special Italian Convoy 4 20,000 ton ship. Night 26/27 5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi bomb fell in town and North East of Cathedral Mole. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. No. T.O.O./27 to Air Min.)

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East Indies.

W. African Troops. — Admty. 1857/26. Anticipated that a cruiser will be available to escort W. African troops convoy from Mombasa to vicinity of Durban. (C. in C.E.I. 1146Z/27 to Admty.)

COLOMBO. — Sailed in accordance with C. in C.E.I. 1153Z/26. (to relieve RANCHI) (N.L.O. Durban, 1456Z/27 to Admty.)

W.S.9.A. — (Admty. 1918B/27 to C. in C.E.I.) See Lion Copy.

China.

LINOIS. (French) — My 0932/22. Destinations Madagascar, Dakar and Marseilles. Cargo. (Capt. on Staff Singapore, 0241Z/27 to Admty.)

MARECHAL. JOFFRE. DUPLEIX. — Departure 27/6. Destination Madagascar, Shanghai, Haiphong, Osaka, Hongkong, respectively. (Saigon 0848Z/27.)

America and West Indies.

FRUMENTON Raider report. — RRRR 0010 G.M.T. 4008 N. 5344 W. FRUMENTON suspicious vessel following, ends. Bearing D.E. V.C.S. 119 R. 25 S degrees. (Halifax W/T 0015Z/27 & A.M.C.U. 0115/27.)

TALISMAN and THUNDERBOLT. — Admty. 1618B/25. Route to join Med. Fleet. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1022Q/27 to R.A.S.)

St. Johns, N.F. congestion. — Your 2302B/19. Arrival of 4 stragglers from S.C. 35 in addition to 7 damaged ships employed on convoy is causing congestion in harbour. Recommend in future ordering ordinary stragglers to Sydney C.B. for inclusion in next S.C. Convoy leaving St. Johns N.F. to cope with damaged ships only. (C.C.N.F. 1334Z/27 to Admty.) Concur. (D.T.D. 1525B/26.)

Italian Losses. — Of Destroyers, Torpedo Boats, Submarines. (Brit. Nav. Delegation, Washington, 1601R/27 to Admty.) (See Summaries Folder, Italy.)

/Suspicious .....

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America & West Indies - Contd.

~~East Indies - Contd.~~

Suspicious Ship. Master NARBO from Lobito to Trinidad when in 001° 05' N. 029° 12' W. on 9/6 sighted 4 masted Barkentine steering aimlessly. Ran parallel for short period then made off due S. Ship under steam, no sails set, no guns visible, no flags. Speed 9 knots. (S.O.I Kingston, 1613R/27 to C. in C.A.W.I. etc.)

Your 1914Z/25. Re dividing line for convoys near Virgin Rocks and Cape Race. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2012B/27 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Belle Isle re A/S patrol. It is for consideration to disperse ships for the St. Lawrence from O.B. convoys for passage through the Belle Isle Straits. Request your remarks including the possibility of arranging for an A/S patrol in the vicinity of Belle Isle. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2015B/27 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Barbados Report. Man of War class nationality unknown sighted 2240 G.M.T. to Westwards Barbados proceeding Southern direction, 2 funnels, no further details can be obtained. (R.O. Barbados, 2100/27 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Attack on H.X. 133 MALAYA II.

Ships Attacked.

59 56 N. 30 35 W. torpedoed 2355 G.M.T./26. (Liverpool W/T 0005/27.)

MAASDAM.

SSSS. 60 00 N. 30.42 W. torpedoed 2358Z/26. (Liverpool 0012/27.)

KONGSAARD.

Torpedoed 2359/26. (Liverpool W/T 0020 G.M.T./27)

Your 1035B/27. 4 ships torpedoed today. MALAYA II. blew up, 6 survivors. MAASDAM sank. TIBIA with Convoy and maintaining speed. Corrupt group. KONGSAARD able to proceed and is with others probably. HAVPRINS and RANDA 16 miles -astern escorted by RIPLEY and COLLINGWOOD. All survivors picked up. (OTTAWA 1040Z/27 to C. in C.W.A., 1429B/27 to Admty. etc.)

D/F bearings at 0907Z/27 and 1041Z/27 probably indicate that two U.Boats were in touch with convoy H.X.133. Up to 5 U.Boats are in vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 1512B/27 to OTTAWA, MALCOLM, WOLFE.) Remain with H.X.133 till 15° W. then proceed to Iceland. (C. in C.W.A. 1553B/27 to FLEETWOOD, COLLINGWOOD, ARILLA, CHAMBLY, CHLANDINE, NASTURTIUM) Request relief for COLLINGWOOD escorting 2 tankers about 10 miles astern H.X.133 and COLLINGWOOD instructed to proceed in execution of previous orders. (OTTAWA 2030B/27 to MALCOLM)

S.L.78 EMPIRE ABILITY.

Retain corvettes as long as fuel will permit returning to Bathurst or refuel them if you are able. (C. in C.S.A. 0155N/27 to SHROPSHIRE)
EMPIRE ABILITY 7603 tons in S.L.78 homeward bound for Mauritius and Capetown with sugar, rum and fibre. (D.S.663)
Am standing by EMPIRE ABILITY with view to salvage. Will report further. (BURDOCK, 0625N/27 to ASPHODEL)
EMPIRE ABILITY numbers 2 and 3 holds and boiler room flooded consider salvage impracticable and vessel should be sunk. Request instructions. (BURDOCK 0730N/27 to C. in C.S.A.)
FLEUR DE LYS to join S.L.78 daylight/30. (F.O.C.N.A. 0830A/27 to SHROPSHIRE)
My 0155/27. Likely that corvettes will be able to remain additional 24 hours from 0600/27 possibly can remain 48 hours both with fuelling at Bathurst. Possible that SHROPSHIRE will be able to refuel. (C. in C.S.A. 1205N/27 to Adty.)

/My 1058B/27 .....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

S.L. 78
EMPIRE
ABILITY -
contd.

My 1056B/27. These D/F bearings indicate approx. position 25° N. 20° 30' W. There are probably two U-Boats in vicinity of convoy S.L.78. (D.D.I.C. 1255B/27 to SHROPSHIRE)
My 0730 am proceeding to rejoin convoy, EMPIRE ABILITY is sinking. Have enough fuel to stop until at the latest 29th. Request my 6 survivors from RIVER LUGAR and 38 from EMPIRE ABILITY may be transferred to other ship in convoy owing to shortage of food. (BURDOCK 1726N/27 to C. in C.S.A.)
My 1255B/27. Admty. appreciation is that two U/B's are in vicinity of convoy S.L.78 and it should not be assumed that either has been shaken off. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1952B/27 to SHROPSHIRE.)
Quit convoy now. Return Freetown. Route to avoid S/M's. (Admty. 2013B/27 to ESPERANCE BAY)
A.M.1955B/27. If convoy has not scattered and you can operate your aircraft close convoy at daylight sufficiently to allow your aircraft to assist in keeping possible shadowing U.Boats down.
2. Keep outside visibility distance of convoy and further at your discretion at night.
3. Repeat this procedure daily until local A/S escort is met. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2346B/27 to SHROPSHIRE)
Convoy S.L.78 again attacked in 025° 43' N. 022° 44' W. Ship or ships torpedoed. Have left convoy. (ESPERANCE BAY 2359Z/27 to Admty. C. in C.S.A. SHROPSHIRE.)

Unknown ship.

8888 58 04 N. 30 58 W. Name Unread torpedoed. (Valentia Radio via Liverpool 0200/27)
On arrival in harbour report if anything is known of unknown vessel who reported torpedoed in 58° 04' N. 30° 58' W. at 0200Z/27 also if anything is known of INVERLEE who reported being torpedoed in 56° 15' N. 37° 21' W. at 1905Z/24. (C. in C.W.A. 2157B/27 to OTTAWA.)

SACRAMENTO VALLEY. (torpedoed 6/6.)

Panama ship STANVAC CALCUTTA arrived Caripito 26/6 with survivors from British SACRAMENTO VALLEY who (?report) vessel torpedoed without warning at 0230/6/6 about 250 miles N.W. Cape Verde Is. and sunk in 20 minutes. Third engineer and 2 firemen killed in explosion and rest (?presumably) took to three boats, 2 of which sailed for Cape Verde Is. The third sailed west and was picked up 19 days later by STANVAC CALCUTTA. Survivors are proceeding Aruba on same vessel. (Caracas 1810/27 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

1048 G.M.T. — By D/F at 1048 G.M.T. U.Boat in area 59° to 60° N. 8° to 10° W. (D.D.I.C. 1536B/27) Admty. 1536/27. 3 Hudson Aircraft with depth charges taking off about 1800/27 to sweep area. (C. in C. Rosyth 1604/27.)

21/6 Una Island. — Report dated 21/6 graded B.C. states 2 submarines frequently seen off Una Island, Bissagos Islands. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1415N/27 to Admty.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1519B/27.)

1710. — 059° 20' N. 004° 04' W. at 1710. (A.C.C.S. 1730B/27 to C. and S.)

23/6. — Captain of BOAC (?Aircraft) BERWICK reports that on 23/6 he sighted 4 German submarines in company in 039° 00' N. 016° 55' W. Report considered reliable. (DRAGON 30162/27 to C. in C.S.A.)

2023 G.M.T. — At 2023 G.M.T. bearing 230°, class 1. (F.O.C.N.A. 2157A/27.)

2045. — 49 12 N. 23 25 W. PORT FIARY (? PORT FAIRY) sighted submarine 2045/27. (Lands End Radio T.O.R. 2250/27)

U-Boats attacked.

By A/C. — 62° 40' N. 21° 43' W. at 2125/26. (A/C Duty H. 0009/27, 0012/27)

By A/C 0625. — WWW. Have attacked enemy with depth charges - probable hit. (A/C 209 Sqn. 0625/27)

By WISHART. — One S/M bearing 055°. Distance 7 miles, course unknown. Position 073 35° N. 13° W. 18. (WISHART 0940/27, 1013/27.)
WISHART has sunk Italien submarine in approx. (?035°) 10' N. 012° 35' W. Crew picked up. Further details later. (F.O.C.N.A. 1352A/27 to Admty.)

/By GLADIOLUS .....

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

U-Boats attacked.

By GLADIOLUS. Have sunk U.Boat in 060° 18' N. 029° 30' W. with NASTURTIUM and CELANDINE in company. Have picked up 43 survivors. Am proceeding to Reykjavik. (GLADIOLUS 1901Z/27 to Admty.)

By TRIUMPH. S/M sunk - see Mediterranean.

By A/C 2000. S/M submerged. Have attacked. Nil hits. Enemy's C. and S. 360° 8 knots. Am returning to base. (A/C Duty Z. 2000/27.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Activity.

Bomber Command last night attacked targets at Bremen and Vegesack. Swordfish of Coastal Command attacked the docks of Calais.

Enemy Air Operations.

Further attacks on East Coast shipping.

Attacks at night on East coast shipping are still continuing. C. in C. Nore suggests that Bofors guns might be supplied to the larger ships, and that balloons and Kites should be flown at 1500 ft. as a protection against dive bombing.
Convoy F.S.26 was attacked shortly before midnight last night, off Southwold. M/S Trawler FORCE and S.S. MONTFERLAND and BARNHILL were sunk. Convoy F.N.85 was attacked last night off Cromer; and S.S. QUEEN CITY was sunk last night near No.7 Buoy.

S.S. CUSHENDALL independently routed was sunk at about 0135 in 57° 3' N. 1° 50' W. (off Stonehaven)

Mining.

2 Accoustic Mines about 300 yards apart exploded at 0910 this morning off the Cardigan coast some ¾ of a mile ahead of MAORI while she was steaming at 25 knots. Mines were detonated in the Thames Estuary and off Liverpool.

Our aircraft laid mines off Brest and the Frisian Is. last night.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

It is reported that RICHELIEU will leave Dakar shortly, crew 1400, cruising speed 22 knots.

Mediterranean.

It is believed that mines have recently been laid off Genoa and Savona. SEVERN reports extensive minefields off the west and south of Sardinia.
The formation of an Air Coastal Command in the Eastern Mediterranean is proposed.

URGE. Orders for a certain patrol. See Cdr.(S) 1 1327B/28.

Malta. 10 enemy aircraft raided the island last night. No damage or casualties were caused.

Libya and Western Desert. Tripoli was attacked again last night by 6 Wellingtons.

Alexandria. About 17 aircraft attacked Alexandria before dawn today, dropping bombs and mines. Only slight damage was caused.

Palestine and Syria. PERTH, who has relieved NAIAD on the coast, with CARLISLE and 5 destroyers bombarded the Damur area p.m. today. Satisfactory fighter protection was available.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

Finnish S.S. PLUTO was sunk by a submarine today about 100 miles N.N.W. of Butt of Lewis, whilst being brought in to Kirkwall.

Tanker AURIS (sailing independently) was torpedoed at 2133 and sunk in 34° 26' N. 12° 2' W. A/S escort was sent to meet her, but failed to meet as AURIS was 36 hours late.

S.L.78.

At 1015 a Walrus A/C attacked with depth charges a U.boat which was sighted near Convoy S.L.78 about 360 miles S.W. of Canary Is., and possibly damaged it. SHROPSHIRE reports that the convoy dispersed at 1300 today.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

NESTOR
JUPITER
for
Mediterranean.

Your 1644B/26 and 1221B/27 Para. (V) Intend that NESTOR and JUPITER should be two of the H.F. Destroyers detailed and that they should join C. in C. Med. on completion of this duty. (C. in C. H.F. 1102B/28).

Strangford Lough.

Your 1710B/26. Concur in withdrawal of patrol vessels from Strangford Lough. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1121B/28 to C. in C.W.A).

One Wair from W.A. to Rosyth.

A.M. 1745/26/4. The increased scale of air attack on the East Coast makes it imperative that the number of escorts with F.N. and F.S. convoys should not be reduced.
2. At the same time, however, the following commitments must be met.
(a) One Hunt from the Nore Command for C.E. and C.W. convoys during the absence of the CLEVELAND from Portsmouth.
(b) Troop-ship escort from Aberdeen to the Shetlands.
3. Notwithstanding therefore the conditions in para. 2 (c) of A.M. quoted above, C. in C.W.A. is requested to return one Wair to C. in C. Rosyth as soon as SUTLEJ joins the Irish Sea Escort Force. (A.C.N.S. H. 1316B/28).

A/P Trawlers from Shetlands

A.L.M. 014345/40 of 21/6 and C. in C. Rosyth 1559/28. If A.L. refers to SIMERSON AGNES NUTTEN DELILA KUVERA AGNES WETHERLEY and RISKATO which now form Shetlands Patrol (of which last two are refitting at Dundee and remainder operating in Shetlands). I strongly urge that these A.P. Trawlers be retained at Shetlands. If force now operating is withdrawn Shetlands will have no offshore patrol craft whatsoever. (A.C.O.S. -1922/28).

Anti U-Boat Sweeps by Escorts.

Offensive sweeps by escort against U/Boats known to be shadowing or against a U/Boat which has made a first sighting report of a convoy are under consideration and examination. In certain circumstances these should be carried out at discretion of S.O. of escort, but it must be borne in mind that there is little chance of either sinking the U/Boat or preventing it shadowing unless:-
(a) The U/Boat is actually sighted from the escort or convoy, or a D/F bearing obtained and asdic contact subsequently obtained.
(b) The visibility is low.
2. The remarks in W.A.C.I. part 325 (B) are applicable to the problem. (C. in C. W.A. 1802B/28)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

CHALLENGER.
LAVENDER.
STARWORT.

Intend to sail CHALLENGER for Bathurst LAVANDER and STARWORT for Freetown in company at 1830B today in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 1444B/26. E.T.A. N.A. Station 0400B/July 3rd. Ships will call at Ponta Delgada for fuel. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1148B/28).

TEVIOT BANK.

1. A.L. M/O.D. 2085/41 of 8/6/41. Request you sail TEVIOT BANK as convenient for Port ZA.
2. On arrival at Port Z.A. TEVIOT BANK is to join the Flag of R.A. (M). (A.C.N.S. H. 1210B/28 to C. in C. Nore).

EMPIRE AUDACITY.
STORK.

Intend following movements for passage of EMPIRE AUDACITY with STORK as close escort from Blyth to Clyde. (C. in C. Rosyth 1307/28 and 1915/28).

GREENWICH.

GREENWICH is to sail from Methil in E.C. 39 1245/30 for passage to Clyde and is to be given a safe position in convoy and considered as an important ship. (C. in C. Rosyth 1315/28).

BROADWATER.
HARMALA.

My 1516B/25. You are to escort HARMALA into Reykjavik on leaving convoy to refuel. (C. in C. W.A. 1445B/28 to BROADWATER).

Operations.

Iceland-Faroes Patrol.

Leave patrol at 0600/30 and proceed to Scapa. (C. in C.H.F. 1352B/28 to ARETHUSA).

M.T.B. Operation.

My 1502B. Add three M.T.B's leaving Dover at 2230 today to operate off Berek Sur Mer returning at 0430. Route via number 10 Buoy each way. (V.A. Dover 1718B/28 to WASP).

East Coast Patrols.

Departures M.G.B's 58 and 67 at 2128, M.T.B's 18 and 100 at 2202. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2210B/28).

Cable Operation.

Cable was streamed by MARIE LOUISE MACKAY on 28/6 between positions 056° Mew Island 4.6 miles and 150° Skulmartin L.V. 2.7 miles. Operations continuing. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 2230B/28).

/S/M.....

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Operations-Contd.

S/M Patrol. Proceed as necessary to patrol in vicinity of 48° N. 11° 30' W. by 1000 tomorrow. Object see F.S.C. 3, para 16 last word. Eastbound. T.B.R. arranged. (F.O.S. 2344B/28 to SEAWOLF).

British Air Activity.

Patrols. TROST BERT and STAB in operation, STAND being flown P.M./28. (C. in C. Rosyth 1109/28).
One Blenheim of 236 Squadron is to carry out a R/C over the sea between Lands End and the Brest area with the object of locating and reporting E-boats and R-boats which may proceed towards our Coasts from Brest in an attempt to attack our shipping. This R/C is subject to adequate cloud cover and is to take off as late as possible but A/C must land before dark. (PLymouth A.C.H.Q. 1738/28).

Low-level attacks on Convoys. Height of Balloon Defence. My 1610B/26. In addition to developing the maximum possible volume of fire it is thought that it would be of great value in preventing low level bombing attacks if balloons and kites were to be flown at 1500 feet by night.
The existing orders whereby balloons are flown at 300 feet at night greatly reduce their value in preventing this most dangerous form of attack.
-Request consideration may be given tosupplying Bofors guns to the larger ships running on the East Coast. (C. in C. Nore 1202B/28).
Concur with C. in C. Nore 1202/28. My letter No. 1779/0923 dated 25/4. refers to the general question of flying kites on the east coast. Admty's. 1237B/8 also refers. (C. in C. Rosyth 2259/28).

Bombing Restrictions. Request T.B.R. (a) 20 miles either side a line joining 049° N. 010° W. and 048° N. 011° 30' W. forthwith until 1200 to-morrow.
(b) Within 30 miles 048° N. 011° 30' W. from 1200 to 2359 to-morrow. (F.O.S. 2349B/28 to H.Q.C.C).

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Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.S.26 BARRHILL (British, 4972 Tons). sunk. FORCE (M/S Trawler) sunk. MONTFERLAND (Dutch, 6790 Tons) sunk.	BARRHILL hit, sinking. (LIDDESDALE 0001B/28). Trawler FORCE sunk in 52° 49' N. 1° 48' E. (MEYNELL 0020B/28). MONTFERLAND hit and sunk. (?LIDDESDALE 0025B/28). Your 0001B. Yarmouth Tugs are proceeding now. (C. in C. Nore 0035B/28 to LIDDESDALE). My 0020B. 10 survivors from FORCE. MONTFERLAND bombed and sunk in 52° 47' N. 1° 50' E. 19 survivors M/L 191 standing by wreck. (MEYNELL 0046B/28). 1 Aeroplane over Convoy. (LIDDESDALE 0058/28). Help convoy ARENA position 52° 43' N. 1° 58' E. (LIDDESDALE 0130/28). Have one survivor from BARRHILL sunk in 300° number 7 A Buoy 1.5 miles. (VORTIGERN 0136B/28). BARRHILL sunk in 52° 50' N. 1° 46' E. (LIDDESDALE 0229B/28).
WALLACE.	My 0043. 5 Bombs. No damage seen. (WALLACE 0045/28);
SKUM (Bombed 22/6)	Admty. 1120/28 and F.O.I.C. Harwich ? 1217/28. Tug KENIA will tow S/S SKUM to Gravesend astern of F.S. 27 tomorrow. (C. in C. Nore 1649B/28 to F.O.I;C. Harwich).
Convoy MISSION.	My 1845. Convoy MISSION being shadowed by 1 enemy aircraft. My position 52° 38' N. 2° 10' E. (GARTH 1900/28). 1 aircraft shadowing Convoy MISSION who bears 140° from centre of convoy height 4000 feet my position 52° 38' N. 2° 19' E. (WHADDON 2044/28). Fighters are being sent. (Nore W/T 2109/28).
LOCH ERIBOLL WELSBACH LOCH LEVEN (M/S Trawlers) damaged on 27/6.	At about 2330/27 M/S Group 16 were attacked by enemy aircraft while at anchor in vicinity of H3 Buoy. LOCH ERIBOLL was hit by one 550 lb. bomb which failed to explode and also damaged by a near miss two injured one of these seriously. WELSBACH was damaged by a near miss three men minor injuries. LOCH LEVEN damaged by a near miss no casualties. ALAFOSS undamaged. All ships returned to harbour safely, LOCH ERIBOLL being towed by WELSBACH. Bomb referred to in LOCH ERIBOLL has since been dealt with. (F.O. Humber 2145B/28).

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Mining.

Cardigan Bay. — 2 Acoustic mined exploded in 52° 18' N. 05° 14' W. at 0910. Explosions were 3/4 of a mile from Bow of MAORI steaming 25 knots. (MAORI 0921B/28).

Nore Command S.A. Destroyers. — Admty. 1924B/22. Following Destroyers of Nore Command now fitted S.A. Details. (C. in C. Nore 1146B/28).

Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Catapult Ship. — It has been reported that what was described as a German CATAPULT ship with 3 aircraft on board was at Trondhjem 12/6. (O.I.C. 1305/28).

Casualties and Defects.

SHERWOOD. — Left Convoy T.C. 11 at 0345B/28 to proceed to Iceland to effect repairs to oil fuel booster pump which has put forward boiler room out of action. (SHERWOOD 0450Z/28).
F.O.I.C. Icelands 1245Z/23. SHERWOOD can be re-tubed at Portsmouth dockyard.
Work will take about 8 weeks without A's and A's etc. (-D.O.D.H. 1116B/28).

ICARUS. — Remain in company with H.X. 133 thence proceed to Ardrossan for docking and changing of propellers. (R.A.D. 0935B/28 to ICARUS).

L.26. (Grounded 27/6). — My 2302/27. Refloated. Have left one Officer and 33 Ratings on shore. (L.26. 0951B/28).
Your 1546B/28. (? Request you will) sail Submarine -L.26 with escort to Rothesay (? as soon as) convenient for docking to examine damage. (Capt. S.7 1917B/28 to Cdre. WESTERN ISLES).

NAUTILUS (Collision 22/5). — (1) Wreck of NAUTILUS in 53° 35' 59" N. 00° 25' 28" E. (FRANKLIN 1047/28).

VIMY. — Suspected sabotage. (Capt. D. Plymouth 1055/28).

BRIGHTON (Collision 25/6). — Sailed from Reydarfiord AURORA, BRIGHTON, ECHO, Fleet tug MARAUDER, and THAMES at 1100Z. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1256/28).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys.

O.O. 66. Ships for West Indies and S. America ports are not to disperse before reaching 045° 00' N. and are to omit all lettered positions from their routes N. of 042° 50' N. (C. in C. W.A. 2255/28 to SCARBOROUGH).

Ships Under 15 Kts. Your 2043/27. All ships under 15 knots speed are to sail in convoy. (D.T. D. 2326B/28 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

General.

Vichy Ships — General instructions re recruiting crews when Vichy French merchant ships are captured. (Hd. of M., 2217B/28 to C. in C's. etc.) See Lion Copy.

North Atlantic.

FURIOUS SCYTHIA CAMERONIA — Your 1213B/27 and C. in C. S.A. 1849N/26. Proposed route. (F.O.C.N.A., 0950A/28 to Admty.) Approved. (D.O.D.(F) 1219B/29.)

Gibraltar — Your 2128/28/5. Approved to include Naval "Y" unit in initial evacuation. (Hd. of M. 1611B/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Toulon. — S.O.(I) Gibraltar's 1742/26, request you will arrange for immediate R/C of Toulon if possible. (D.D.I.C. 1628B/28 to F.O.C.N.A.) Your 1628B. Request this be referred to Air Ministry in view of Coastal Command message SD/635, 24/6. Toulon is outside safe endurance of P R U aircraft at Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 1804A/28 to Admty.)

SEVERN — Cancel previous instructions. Proceed with minimum delay to establish patrol off Northern Approach to Messina Strait. (F.O.C.N.A. 1636A/28, to SEVERN.) Your 1636A/28. One torpedo remaining. Earliest arrival position indicated 0300A/1. Extensive minefields West and South Sardinia also Cavoli Sarpentara. (SEVERN, 2313A/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Enemy Minelaying — Report B.1 indicating recent minelaying off Genoa and Savona. Avoid these Areas. (F.O.C.N.A., 1810A/28 to S/M. O.23.)

French Convoy — Passed Eastbound in T W at 1610 escorted by armed trawler SENTINELLE LA-MARSA FELIX-HENRI and small coaster all full. (S.O.I. Gib., 2301A/28 to Admty.)

Gibraltar — Your 1734/23. Instructions re W/T organisation. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2337B/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Atlantic.

FRANKFURT
NATAL
(German)

Rio de Janeiro reports FRANKFURT passed Fort Santa Cruz at 2300 G.M.T./27.
Santos reports NATAL crossed bar at 2320 G.M.T./27.
(N.S.O.(I) Montevideo, 0024Z/28 to R.A.S.A.D., C. in C. S.A., 0127N/28, 0219N/28 to S.A. Stn.)
S.O.I. Freetown, 0840N/28 to Admty, 0942N/28 to S.A.S., 0944N/28 to S.A.S.

A/C for
Free French

Re supply of coastal reconnaissance aircraft to Free French Africa.
(Spears Mission, Brazzaville, 0815/28.)

HERMES
(German)

(Ex KARNAK) sailed from Rio de Janeiro 2120Z/27.
Additional details not shown in O U 6329.(i)
(S.O.I. Freetown, 0940N/28 to S.A. Stn.)

ALDERAMIN

Overdue shipping, my 0942/26, ALDERAMIN arrived Durban.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 0953B/28.)

MONBALDO
(Italian)

Sailed 0930 G.M.T./28.
(N.C.S.O. Plata, 1430Z/28 to S.O.I's Freetown etc.)

Troop
Transports.

N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1521B/28 to Admty. (See Lion Copy.) C. in C. S.A., 2137N/28 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown. (See Lion Copy.)

MONBALDO
(Italian)
NORDERNEY
(German)

Para reports MONBALDO taken out clearance, raised steam, taking provisions. NORDERNEY raising steam.
(S.O.I. Montevideo, 1521Z/28 to R.A.S.A.D.)
My 1521/28 Para reports MONBALDO sailed at 0930 G.M.T./28.
(S.O.I. Montevideo, 1602Z/28, to R.A.S.A.D.)
(C. in C. S.A., 1755N/28 to S.A. Stn.)

BABITONGA

LONDON arrived Freetown a.m./28. Clearly established that BABITONGA after leaving Santos remained in South Atlantic (and after) about 3 weeks embarked prisoners from a raider, later transferred prisoners to another ship. Consider only very general indication of activities and vaguest reference to movements shall be referred to in any communication with Brazilian Authorities When intercepted ship had on board 850 tons of Diesel oil in drums in addition to normal stowage of fuel.
(C. in C. S.A., 1715N/28 to N.A. Rio de Janeiro.)
(C. in C. S.A., 1935N/28 to Admty. - see Lion Copy)

/RICHELIEU.....

FOREIGN STATIONS.

South Altantic. Contd.

RICHELIEU	Report graded B.O. states to leave Dakar shortly, crew 1400. Cruising speed 22 knots. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1901N/28 to Admty.)
DRAGON	Your 1923N/15. Owing to increase of work at Simonstown enquiries are being made as to whether DRAGON can be refitted in U.S.A. (D.O.D.(F) 1920B/28 to C. in C. S.A.)
CARNARVON CASTLE	Failing further information, search for German ship in sector between 170° and 130° from Rio de Janeiro. (R.A.S.A.D., 2059Z/28 to CARNARVON CASTLE).
Enemy ships, Bahia.	Bahia reports no enemy ships have more than 7 days Bunkers and that they are unlikely to leave. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2116Z/28 to R.A.S.A.D.)
BUTTERFLY XXIV MAGGIO (Italian)	Pernambuco reports BUTTERFLY has received clearance and will sail tonight. 24 MAGGIO will receive clearance a.m./29. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2207Z/28 to R.A.S.A.D.)
"S" Report.	Your 1850N/26 (N.T. in W.D.)(SSSS from unknown ship.) No information is available of an attack on this date. (D.D.I.C., 2254B/28 to C. in C. S.A.)

Mediterranean.

U/B.	Am leaving area to N.W. in order to charge after night hunt with U-Boat. Lost contact U-Boat diving in 034° 04' N. 035° 20' E. (PARTHIAN, 0127C/28 to C.S.15.)
F.A.A. units permanently disembarked	1st S.L. 0239/28 to C. in C. Med. See Lion Copy.

/Enemy Fleet.....

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Mediterranean Contd.

Enemy Fleet — 1 Battleship 5 Cruisers 8 Destroyers in position 296 36°N. 20°E.56 course 210° Speed 15 knots.
(Duty A/C., 0528/28.)
A/C report 1 Battleship 5 Cruisers 8 Destroyers in 036° 26' N. 018° 58' E. at 0728B course 210° speed 15 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 0812B/28 to Med. Fleet., V.A. Malta, 0812B/28 to S/M's on patrol.)

PARTHIAN — Safety route established (details.)
(Capt. (S)1, 0811C/28 to Med. Fleet.)
Cancel my 0821C/28 (? 0811C). PARTHIAN is returning Beirut. Safety routes are established for TRIUMPH from approx. 032° 50' 024° 28' to Kithera Channel from 1600/28 to 0400/30 and for TORBAY from end of Alex. searched Channel to Kaso Straits from 1900/28 to 1900/29.
(Capt. S.1., 1645C/28 to Med. Fleet.)

Enemy Fleet — 2 Battleships 2 cruisers 7 destroyers 4 merchant vessels 1 A/C my position 3555 1905.
(Duty X A/C., 0914Z/28.)
P.C. and S. of 4 merchant vessels 2 cruiser 9 destroyers is 35.13 N., 19.28 E., course 190° speed 12 knots.
(Duty P. A/C, 0944/28.) (Comdr. S.1., 1315B/28 to REGENT.)
My 0944. 4 Merchant Vessels of 15,000 tons.
(Duty P. A/C., 1000/28.)
My 1315B. Approx. position of convoy 1130B/28 035° 35' 019° 12' 175° 15 knots.
(Cdr. S.1., 1455B/28, to REGENT.)

Greek Fleet — My 1235/7 and my 1251/21. Question of movement of Greek Fleet has now become urgent.
(C. in C. Med., 10120/28 to Admty.)

ILEX escort — Request you will detach 2 destroyers to Alexandria one being used as escort for ILEX to Port Said.
(C. in C. Med., 10320/28 to C.S.15.)

PARTHIAN — Cancel my 2257C/27. Resume patrol at Beirut.
(C. in C. Med., 1102C/28 to PARTHIAN.)
Your 1102C/28 understood.
(PARTHIAN, 1528C/28.)

/STROMBO.....

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STROMBO (Italian)

My 1222/5. STROMBO damage confirmed serious but effecting temporary repairs afloat. Expect ready to sail Ballast 30/6. Owing to hostilities destination probably Aegean.
(S.O.I. Istanbul, 12460/28.)

URGE patrol

Cancel special operation, patrol in vicinity 37° 55' 15° 35'. French naval units including cruisers and 1 battleship may be proceeding to eastward from Messina shortly. These are to be attacked. Destroyers may be fitted with asdic. (Cdr. S.1., 1327B/28 to URGE.)

S/M Intelligence URGE attacked by 80 D/C's.

UNIQUE reports all traffic sighted between 16th and 26/6 passed between Lampedusa and Lampion and consisted of two Northbound convoys of three and four ships, one Southbound convoy of two small ships, escort averaged three destroyers. UNIQUE (? detected) attacking both northbound convoys once by air once by destroyer. First counter attack short but accurate second prolonged but inaccurate, over 80 depth charges in all, no damage, no torpedoes (? fired) UPRIGHT report blank.
(S.O.(S) Malta, 1347/28 to Capt. S.1.)

U/B sunk by TRIUMPH

Your 19310/27. Well done. Cancel previous orders proceed with all despatch towards Cape Matapan.
(Capt. S.1., 1351C/28 to TRIUMPH.)

Alexandria Mines.

Your 1853/7. Type C mine dropped in city A.M. today has been rendered safe. No mine seen to fall in water during this raid but three parachute mines probably type C swept by single L after raid on 8/6 exploded at first pulse.
(R.A. Alexandria, 13520/28, to Admty.)

Alexandria Raid.

Air Raid 0300 to 0500 about 12 planes. Bombs and mines. One electric cable cut, no other damage or casualties. 2 mines exploded in mid air (? without) being fired at.
(R.A. Alexandria, 1356C/28.)

/Enemy Units.....

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Enemy Units.

2 Enemy cruisers 9 destroyers 4 merchant vessels 3438 N. 1818 E. Course 190° Speed 15 knots. (Duty F. A/C 1510/28) (N.O.I.C. Malta, 1756B/28. to REGENT.)

Following received. My 1510. Am still in touch with enemy. No change in situation since report quoted at beginning of this message. Am returning to Base. (Duty F. A/C 1530/28 to Hal Far.)

Following received. My 1510. Enemy previously reports are 2 8" gun cruisers Italian. (Duty F. A/C 1545/28 to Hal Far.)

Following received. My 1510. 2 Enemy Cruisers and 2 destroyers are stationed bearing 010° from 2 Convoys. (Nore W/T, 1600/28.)

Following has been read - P.C. and S. of 2 Battleships 2 Cruisers 7 Destroyers 4 Merchant Vessels ? 33.10 N., 18.40 E. 220° 10 knots. (Duty R. A/C, 1610Z/28.)

My 1510. 6 destroyers are screening 4 merchant vessels. (Nore W/T, 1615/28.)

My 1455B. 4 merchant ships 6 destroyers in 034° 28' 018° 14' at 1815B. Cruisers and 3 destroyers have apparently left convoy. (S.O.(S), 1850B/28 to REGENT.)

TRIUMPH, PERSEUS, TORBAY.

Operation B.S. appendix 1 para. 4 to 6. Establish patrol line at 04000/30 as follows. (Capt. S.1., 15210/28 to S/M's concerned.)

Malta Raid. Tripoli bombed.

Malta. Night 27/28. 10 aircraft over, few bombs on land, negligible damage, no casualties. Night 27/28. 6 Wellingtons bombed Spanish Mole Tripoli dropping 17,500 lbs. G.P. bombs from 8000 feet scoring many hits, all returned. My 1394/27/6, operation "Railway" 21 Hurricanes not 22 arrived. (H.Q. Malta, 1600/28.)

DECOY ILEX.

My 1435 (N.T. in W.D.). DECOY will have to tow ILEX and is to proceed down swept channel to meet her. (F.O. 15 C.S., 1706/28 to Capt. D.2., Capt. D.14.)

My 1435/28 and my 1706/28. Retain CARLISLE and both destroyers in addition to DECOY until arrival off Port Said. ILEX send CARLISLE and one destroyer back to Haifa and detail other two to Alexandria. (F.O. 15 C.S., 1731/28 to Capt. D.2.)

/ILEX.....

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Mediterranean Contd.

ILEX DECOY Contd. — ILEX expects to sail 1845 and proceed at 10 knots. CARLISLE DECOY and two other destroyers are to meet her at end of swept channel and escort her towards Port Said. DECOY to remain with ILEX until detached by Capt. (D) 2 off Port Said. CARLISLE and other destroyers to leave ILEX so as to arrive back at Haifa at 0615/29 but Capt. (D) 2 may retain CARLISLE and one destroyer at his discretion.
(F.O. 15 C.S., 1735/28 to Capts. D.2., D.14.)

Signalling — Indication to enemy by number of messages concerning "Tiger" and "Rocket". Cable to be used for certain messages. (D.S.D., 1706B/28 to C. in C. Med., S.O. Force H.) See Lion Copy

Benghazi Bombed. — Prelim. Ops. Summary No.12 night 27/28. 6 Wellingtons bombed Cathedral Mole Benghazi direct hits on buildings and small fires.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1844/28.)

Submarines — Movements Summary 29. (Capt. S.1., 1857C/28) See Lion Copy.

French Convoy — Source graded B.2. states six tankers escorted by French submarines and destroyers sailed from Marseilles for Constanza 25/6.
(D.D.I.C. 1910B/28 to C. in C. Med., etc.)

AUCKLAND sunk 24/6 — My 2254C/24. After forenoon T/B attack AUCKLAND PARAMATTA and PASS OF BALMAHA were attacked at 1730/24 about 30 miles N.E. of Tobruk by a force of 30 to 40 J.U.87. Majority concentrated on AUCKLAND who was disabled by one direct hit aft and sank after several more hits. High level bombing attack developed 1½ hours later when PARAMATTA was collecting survivors and was followed by further attack by 30 to 40 J.U.87. PARAMATTA avoided all bombs and shot down three aircraft.
(C. in C. Med., 1922/28, to Admty.)

/ A/C attack.....

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A/C attack on Convoy 25/6.

Your 1821C/28 (N.T. in W.R.) and A.O.C. Med's I.390 of 26/6. First sub flight Swordfish scored one torpedo hit on each of the leading and rear transports. Second sub flight attacked later through smoke screen and scored one possible hit. Italian prisoner of war shot down 27/6 stated one transport was sunk previous night. From all evidence consider liner transport sunk and second damaged possibly sunk.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 2204B/28 to C. in C. Med.)

Situation Report 70.

Syria. LEANDER and COVENTRY have been relieved on Syrian coast by PERTH and CARLISLE. PERTH and destroyers carried out sweep off Damour with TSDS no result.
Enemy convoy heavily escorted by cruisers and destroyers sighted in ? Central Mediterranean out of reach of our forces. Convoy apparently making for Benghazi or Tripoli.
UNION sank 2800-ton laden merchant ship southward bound in 036° 09' N. 011° 58' E. at 1507/22.
(C. in C. Med., 2346C/28.)

East Indies.

W.S.9A.2.

Adty. 1918/27 Para. 2. Intend CORNWALL to escort fast convoy from Durban to vicinity of Aden. Convoy to be called W.S.9A.2.
(C. in C. E.I., 0752Z/28 to Admty.)

ENTERPRISE HERMES

ENTERPRISE is to leave Colombo 0230Z/30 and proceed to vicinity of Trincomalee to carry out practice programme on 1/7 with HERMES as arranged by S.O. Force T.
On completion of practice Force T is to proceed to Colmbo to fuel arriving 0230Z/3. Force T is to leave Colombo on completion of fuelling and proceed through 8° Channel to Port Victoria Seychelles arriving 8/7.
(C. in C. E.I., 1358Z/28 to Force T.)

Mine Watching

Your 1128Z/21. Necessity for early establishment of a thoroughly efficient Mine Watching organisation is fully concurred in. Suggestions.
(D.M.S. 1604B/28 to C. in C. E.I.).

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China.

COMMANDANT DORISE	Arrival 27/6. (Saigon 0230Z/28.)
German M/V's.	Report from Tientsin indicates German ships now in Japanese ports ordered to load goods lying there destined for Germany via Siberia. Ships will presumably attempt to run blockade. Tokyo has been asked to give earlier information of any sailings. (C. in C. China, 0409Z/28 to Admty.) List of Ships. (D.S. 663.)
SEAMEW	Your 0747/10. You may withdraw SEAMEW and retain on China Station if you can use her. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2143B/28 to C. in C. China.)
SI KIANG	Your 1223/9 and 0505/19. Proposals for journey from Durban to Indo-China. (Hd. of M., 2206/28) See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

SURCOUF	Leave Bermuda A.M./30 and establish patrol as in my 19010/22. Leave patrol so as to arrive Bermuda on 20/7. (C. in C. A.W.I., 10120/28 to SURCOUF.) Consider SURCOUF should be docked after return from present patrol on 20/7. Vessel also has a number of defects. Estimate one month should be sufficient including 10 days in dock. Bermuda Yard are unable to undertake work. Propose work be done in U.S.A. (C. in C. A. & W.I., 22420/28 to Admty.)
MONBALDO (Italian)	Sailed from Para 0930 G.M.T./28. Admiralty informed. (S.O.I. Kingston, 1117R/28 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
NORDERNEY (German)	Para reports NORDERNEY raising steam. (S.O.I. Kingston, 1123R/28 to C. in C. A.W.I. etc.)

/Finnish.....

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies Contd.

Finnish Seamen. Two Norwegian tankers at present in Port have Finnish subjects as part of crew. Dutch authorities contend they have no power to intern any but Germans. Request instructions as I consider it unsafe to let these men remain on board.
(S.N.O. Curacao, 1138QR/28 to Admty.)

B H X Convoys, suspension. Suggested that under present circumstances consideration be given to suspension of BHX convoys in view of submarine menace and fog conditions at Junction Point. BHX is now proceeding nearly 1000 miles without A/S escort and saving in distance is slight, whereas ships assembling at Halifax can keep close to the U.S. Coast en route to Assembly. Halifax can accommodate the extra tonnage.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1341Z/28 to Admty.)

"R" Report R R R R sent three times.
No bearing or call sign heard due to interference.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax, 1429Z/28 to C. in C. W.A.)

St. John's N.F. conjestion Your 1334Z/27. Consur. Instructions will be promulgated in Amendment to A.M.0001/1/5.
(D.T.D. 1523B/28, to C.C. Newfoundland.)

Suspicious Ship. Yankee Clipper reports she sighted on 25/6 at 0625A freighter about 6000 tons apparently Norwegian but not flag 37° 26' N. 43° 7' W. On return Clipper on 26/6 at 2215 sighted same vessel at 038° N. 039° W., tried to contact on radio without (? success.)
(Brit. Adm. Delegation, Washington, 1600R/28 to Admty.)

ST.DOMINGUE Extract from a Fairmiss telegram:- "Departure 28/6 S. DOMINGUE Guadeloupe F.W.I. 30/6.
(San Juan, 1610/28.)

JOHN W. MACKAY Cable Ship. Navy Department and Defence Communication Board gravely concerned by requisitioning.
(B.A.D., Washington, 1619R/28 to Admty.)
Reply: 1739/29.

/ C.I.P.....

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C.I.P. (French) — Has shifted to Galveston Roads and is held by Agents because certain formalities re shipment are not completed.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1648Z/28 to S.O.I. Kingston.)

THUNDERBOLT
TALISMAN — Adty. 1618B/25 and F.O.S. 2319B/25. Intend sailing THUNDERBOLT and TALISMAN escorted by BUXTON for St. Johns N.F. on 30/6 to embark spare crew and spare personnel gear.
Route to Gibraltar.
(F.O. 3 B.S., 1827P/28 to Admty, etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

S.L.78
EMPIRE
ABILITY

Your 1725/27. Survivors are to be divided up among other Corvettes of escort if necessary. Ships of convoy are not to be stopped.
(C. in C. S.A., 0337N/28 to BURDOCK.)
BURDOCKS's 1725/27 and my 0337/28. Request survivors may be taken on board by you if the opportunity occurs.
(C. in C. S.A., 1037N/28 to SHROPSHIRE.)

O.B.336
(attacked
24/6.)

Spoke Commodore of Convoy O.B.336 HARPAGON 1400 G.M.T. 25 055° N. 045° W. 17 ships were within 15 mile radius. Commodore reported (? only) 1 ship lost on ? 24/6.
(RAMILLIES, 0432Z/28 to C. in C. W.A.)

BALTARA
(torpedoed
27/6.)

Your 2137B/27. (Reporting unknown ship torpedoed 0200/27). Ship was BALTARA sailing independently after H.X.133. INVERLEE reported for BROCKLEY HILL and was not herself torpedoed. British, 3292 tons from Montreal to Hull with General cargo. (D.S.663).
(OTTAWA, 0805/28 to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 0805/28 is anything known of fate of BALTARA or survivors?
(C. in C. W.A., 2219B/28 to OTTAWA.)
Reply: No. (OTTAWA, 0653/29.)

PLUTO

Your 1444B/28 (N.T. in W.D.). Have picked up boat with 18 survivors NORTHERN FOAM resuming sweep for U-Boat. Am returning to Kirkwall. E.T.A. 0800. (NORTHERN DUKE, 1610B/28 to S.O.N.T.)

MAASDAM
(torpedoed
26/6.)

E.T.A. 2359 G.M.T./28 escorting RANDA who has 34 survivors from MAASDAM including American Red Cross nurses and American Strategic Staff. Four injured. RANDA bound Preston detached from H.X.133 wishes to land survivors.
(RIPLEY, 1847Z/28 to N.O.I.C. Iceland.)

AURIS

SSSS 34.26 N. 12.02 W. AURIS torpedoed.
(Valentia Radio 2133/28.)
British tanker, 8030 tons, independent from Trinidad to Gibraltar.
Following has been read AURIS torpedoed 34.27 N. 11.57 W. (Plymouth 2133/28.)
Note different position.
AURIS torpedoed in 034° 27' N. 011° 57' W. proceed to her assistance.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2359A/28 to FARNDALE.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

0127 — By PARTHIAN. (See Foreign Stations, Mediterranean)

0036 — At 0036 G.M.T. German submarine bearings. 240° 3rd Class. (F.O.C.N.A. 0151A/28 to N.A. Stn.)

0254 — At 0254 G.M.T. German Submarine bearing 240 class 3 from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 0415A/28 to N.A. Stn.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1454B/28.)

Admty. Message A/F. 34° 27' N: 11° 57' W. at 2140Z/28. (D.D.I.C. 2213/28.)

H.X.133 — My 1601B/28 and 1744B/28. D/F at 2308/28 G.M.T. indicates that U-Boat is still in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 2355B/28 to MALCOLM, COLLINGWOOD, WATCHMAN, ICARUS, RIPLEY & SCIMITAR.)

Submarines Attacked.

27/6 — U/B sunk by TRIUMPH. (See Mediterranean.)

0515 — Have obtained ASV contact in position 006° Skule Skerry 5 miles probably a submarine. (A/C G/612, 0515/28.)

U/B's sunk. — By GLADIOLUS on 25/6 and 27/6.
By WISHART on 27/6,
By AUBRETIA, BROADWAY, BULLDOG on 9/5.
By Capt. D.8., FAULKNOR on 18/6.
By PARTHIAN on 25/6.
By TRIUMPH on 27/6.
Admty. congratulations (D.A/S.W., 1426B, 1439B, 1441B, 1442B, 1443B, 1456B/28 to ships concerned.)

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SITUATION REPORT

British Air Operations

Bomber Command last night attacked targets in the Heligoland area

Enemy Air Operations

Attacks on East Coast Shipping.

F.S. 27 was unsuccessfully attacked off Yarmouth in the early hours of today; fighters drove off the enemy.

EMPIRE METEOR in F.N. 86 was hit late tonight in 53° 5' N., 1° 30' E. (off Sheringham)

In air attack on Hull, SS SILVERLAUREL was damaged.

Mining

31 aircraft of Bomber Command laid mines last night in the Elbe Estuary and in the Heligoland area. An 8000 ton merchant vessel in convoy off Ameland was bombed and apparently hit.

Enemy minelaying aircraft operated last night between Yarmouth and Spurn Head.

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SITUATION REPORT

South Atlantic

Alteration in the employment of certain A.M.C's is intended.

Mediterranean

Libya & Western Desert.

WATERHEN was hit by a bomb in 32° 15' N., 25° 20' E., at 2005C/29 whilst on passage to Tobruk and sank whilst in tow in the early hours of 30/6.

Early this morning a convoy of 4 large merchantmen escorted by 6 destroyers, which had been sighted yesterday proceeding south was sighted 30 miles off Tripoli. This convoy is believed to be part of the convoy attacked on 25/6, or to be a fresh convoy. 3 Marylands attacked, but no direct hits are claimed. Aircraft were despatched to make further attacks.

Alexandria

Alexandria was attacked again before dawn today. No effective damage was caused. Mines were dropped, but all fell on land.

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SITUATION REPORT

East Indies.

G.H.Q. India assumed operational control of forces in Iraq from midnight 28/29 June.

America & West Indies

Aleration in the employment of certain A.M.C's of the Halifax Escort Force is proposed.

U-Boat Campaign

WAR DIWAN was missed by torpedo early this morning in 59° 15' N., 3° 25' W.

H.X. 133 Attacked again. Submarine Sunk.

H.X. 133 was attacked again and SS GRAYBURN was torpedoed at 0241 in 59° 30' N., 18° 07' W. The attacking U-Boat was sunk by MALCOLM and ships of 8th Escort Group.

MOST SECRET

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Iceland Command. Constitution.

Intend that Iceland should be constituted as an Independent Naval Command under the Admiralty to take effect from 1200/30. The Officer selected for this Command will be referred to as Admiral Commanding Iceland. (short title A.C.I.C.)
2. The duties of A.C.I.C. will be as follows:-
(a) In command of all naval shore establishments in Iceland (C).
(b) In command of all local naval forces attached to the Iceland (C) Command.
(c) Responsible for co-operation with the G.O.C. and O.C. R.A.F. in the defence of Iceland to the limit of his resources. For this purpose a Combined H.Q. is being formed.
3. A.C.I.C.'s further responsibilities as regards the co-operation of R.A.F. forces based on Iceland must depend on the organisation of the latter. Action has been taken with a view to forming a separate Group in Iceland under A.O.C. in C. Coastal Command.
4. Ships and Vessels, other than local forces operating within the Icelandic Command, will normally continue to operate as at present under their respective C's. in C.
(A.C.N.S. H. 0035B/29.)

Clyde A/S Protection

Your 1606B/26. Refer first para my 1218/26/4. Regret provision for this important commitment is not possible within the Command.
(C. in C. W.A., 1058B/29 to F.O.IC. Greenock.)

SHROPSHIRE

SHROPSHIRE will join Home Fleet on arrival in Home Waters.
When NORFOLK rejoins the Fleet intend SHROPSHIRE to be taken in hand for turbine defects, to change guns, and to fit R.D.F.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1327B/29.)

Clyde M/L Force

Your 2321B/17. Regret no additional craft are available for transfer to Western Approaches Command.
Reinforcements for the Clyde must be considered as a commitment for the existing forces allocated to your Command.
(A.C.N.S. T. 1616B/29 to C. in C. W.A.)

MOST SECRET

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

CHALLENGER
LAVENDER
STARWORT

My 1148B/28. Sailing delayed 24 hours.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1108B/29.
Cancel my 1148B/28 and 1108B/29. Intend to sail CHALLENGER, LAVENDER, STARWORTH with S.S. ANSELM in company at 0030/30 routed in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1444B/26. Ships call Ponta Delgada for fuel thence proceed in company to Freetown. CHALLENGER breaks off as necessary for Bathurst.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2104/29.)

COTSWOLD

Detach COTSWOLD at daylight 30th to proceed to Rosyth independently at 20 knots.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1331/29 to GARTH.)

Operations.

Denmark Straits Patrol.

SUFFOLK's 1032Z/26.
After relief by SUFFOLK, MANCHESTER is to return to Scapa, calling at Hval Fiord for fuel and mail if necessary.
(C. in C. H.F., 1215B/29.)

British Air Activity.

Patrols

Stab and Pru R/C Bergen to Stavanger in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1130/29.)
P.R.U. R/C's at Kristiansand South and Aalborg now in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1232/29.)

Enemy Air Activity.

MONTFERLAND
(Bombed 28/6)

Your 1003B/28.
Wreck S.S. MONTFERLAND in 052° 47' N. 001° 50'30" E.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 0025B/29.)

Convoy F.S.27

Enemy bombing odd numbered F.S. Convoy in 52° 46' N. 1° 57' E.
(VERSATILE, 0125/29.)

/CUSHENDALL.....

HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Air Activity. Contd.

CUSHENDALL (British, 626 tons) sunk.

S.S. CUSHENDALL bound Lossiemouth to Methil inshore route bombed and sunk 57° 3' N. 1° 56' W. about 0135/28.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1030/29.)
14 survivors landed from Fishing Trawler BRISBANE ex S.S. CUSHENDALL. 2 missing believed killed. Names.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 1121/29.

Hull.

50 K.G. Bomb dropped last night in engine room of tug VARO Alexandra Dock, Hull. Removed and dumped in River below Paull. Fuze and base plates being first detached.
(F.O. Humber, 1528/29.)

Convoy F.N.86. EMPIRE METEOR (British 7457 tons) damaged.

Request tug for S.S. EMPIRE METEOR hit in engine room unable to proceed position 53° 5' N. 1° 30' E.
(LIDDESDALE 2326/29.)
LADY PHILOMENA detailed to stand by EMPIRE METEOR.
(LIDDESDALE, 2335/29.)

Convoy MISSION

Being shadowed by one enemy A/C bearing 040° height 5000 ft. Position 54° 29' N. 0° 26' W.
(WHADDON, 2359/29.)

SILVER LAUREL

(British, 6142 tons.). Damaged by near miss during Air Raid on Hull A.M./29.
(D.O.R.30/6.)

Mining.

Thames Estuary.

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/Dover.....

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Enemy Air Activity. Contd.

CUSHENDALL (British, 626 tons) sunk.
S.S. CUSHENDALL bound Lossiemouth to Methil inshore route bombed and sunk 57° 3' N. 1° 56' W. about 0135/28.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1030/29.)
14 survivors landed from Fishing Trawler BRISBANE ex S.S. CUSHENDALL. 2 missing believed killed. Names.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 1121/29.

Hull.
50 K.G. Bomb dropped last night in engine room of tug VARO Alexandra Dock, Hull. Removed and dumped in River below Paull. Fuze and base plates being first detached.
(F.O. Humber, 1528/29.)

Convoy F.N.86. EMPIRE METEOR (British 7457 tons) damaged.
Request tug for S.S. EMPIRE METEOR hit in engine room unable to proceed position 53° 5' N. 1° 30' E.
(LIDDESDALE 2326/29.)
LADY PHILOMENA detailed to stand by EMPIRE METEOR.
(LIDDESDALE, 2335/29.)

Convoy MISSION
Being shadowed by one enemy A/C bearing 040° height 5000 ft. Position 54° 29' N. 0° 26' W.
(WHADDON, 2359/29.)

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Mining Contd.

Dover Minefields. Observation minefields off both entrances to Dover harbour have been laid and joined up ready for service. A.M./28.
(V.A. Dover, 1040/29.)

Passage of CUMBERLAND F.O.I.C. Harwich 2353B/28. It is considered that the second mine may have been detonated by WINDSOR using S.A.(C) gear ahead of CUMBERLAND. Mine was 2 miles on port bow of WINDSOR and 2 miles on port quarter of Sheerness S.A. Sweepers preceding CUMBERLAND. Both mines were off the channel. S.A. Gear of WINDSOR was worked for 19 hours without breakdown from lat. 55° N. to Sheerness. HAMBLEDON'S S.A. Gear not used on passage South.
(C. in C. Nore, 1220B/29.)

A/P Trawlers. Request for Depth Charges. The recent increase in minelaying in the East Coast War Channels suggests the possibility that small submarines may be carrying this out. Request authority may be given for A/P trawlers fitted with Type 140 listening gear to be fitted with depth charges.
(C. in C. Nore, 1800B/29.)

Casualties and Defects.

TREKIEVE (British, 5244 tons) Collision in fog 52° 45' N. 05° 03' W. Making water fast in stokehold. Receiver gone off.
(TREKIEVE, T.O.R. 0254/29 and 0343/29.)
Sailed rescue tug SEINE to assist TREKIEVE.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 0400B/29.)
Sailed Rescue Tug AMSTERDAM from Holyhead to assist TREKIEVE.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 0500/29.)
AMSTERDAM towing TREKIEVE to Holyhead.
(N.O.I.C. Holyhead, 1001B/29.)

RUDBY (British, 4846 tons) In head on collision with YORKWOOD?, damaged well above water in dense fog 4 miles East of Duncansby Head 3 killed 1 seriously injured. YORKWOOD apparently little damaged but have not located her. Request instructions for RUDBY. Am proceeding at slow speed South East with RUDBY following as she is unable to anchor.
(JASON, 1130/29.)

/As result.....

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Casualties and Defects.

RUDBY (British, 4846 tons) Contd.

As result of collision during fog between S.S. RUDBY and S.S. YORKWOOD while in convoy E.C.38 at 1040 today one Able Seaman of RUDBY was killed and buried at sea. RUDBY returned to Aberdeen. YORKWOOD proceeded with Convoy to Oban.
(A.C.O.S., 1759B/29.)

BRIGHTON (Collision 25/6.)

Admiralty 1314/29. One destroyers is to be sailed to R/V with AURORA as additional A/S Escort.
(C. in C. H.F., 1401B/29 to R.A.D.)
Proceed with despatch towards Skaale Fjord to join BRIGHTON escorted by AURORA, ECHO, and provide additional A/S escort to Cape Wrath.
(R.A.D. H.F., 1440B/29 to LIGHTNING.)
Your 1401B/29. (U-Boat near) My P.C.S. at 1730B/29, 061° 59' N. 009° 22' W. 163° 9 knots. Route amended to pass through 060° 20' N. 008° 20' W. because of fog. 9002 34 4027 44.
(AURORA, 1830B/29 to C. in C. H.F.)

VIMY

My 1055/28/6. Further loss, of gun locks. Being investigated by C.I.D.
(Capt. D. Plymouth, 1733/29.)

Shipping and Convoys.

ANSELM W.S.9B.

As a result of (?break down) today ANSELM cannot exceed 11½ knots, has been ordered to leave W.S.9B. Liverpool section for Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 0055B/29 to Admty.)
Personnel in ANSELM is urgently required at Freetown. Request you arrange for CATHAY to sail with ANSELM, CHALLENGER, LAVENDER and STARWORT to Freetown providing such extra A/S escort through Western Approaches as necessary.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1736B/29 to C. in C. W.A.)
My 1148B/28 and 1108B/29 not to all addressees. Intend to sail CHALLENGER, LAVENDER and STARWORT with ANSELM in company at 0030/30. Routed in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1444B/26. Ships will call at Ponta Delgada for fuel thence proceeding in company to Freetown, CHALLENGER breaking off as necessary for Bathurst, E.T.A. North Atlantic Station 2359B/4. Code word B R A N C H.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2104B/29 to Admty. etc.)

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H.X.133 — Following has been read. H.X. Convoy being shadowed by 1 enemy aircraft. Position 59° 5' N. 16° 54' W.
(H.X. Convoy 0823/29.)

Escort Groups — Orders for, and composition of Special Groups D. and E. (C. in C. W.A., 1234B/29)
See Lion Copy.

O.B.342 — Convoy O.B.342 is cancelled. Ships should be sailed in O.G.67.
(C. in C. W.A., 17148/29 to N.C.S.O's.)

S.L.78 — If Convoy S.L.78 not dispersed ASPHODEL, ASTER and FLEUR DE LYS are to remain with Convoy as long as possible and fuel at Ponta Delgada on return passage, ASPHODEL and ASTER to Freetown, FLEUR DE LYS to Gibraltar. ARMERIA and BURDOCK should, when necessary, return direct to Bathurst for fuel.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1952B/29 to SHROPSHIRE.)

Oilers — My 2238B/12. Corrected list of oilers due from West Indies.
(D.T.D. 2012B/29 to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.N.A.)

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North Atlantic.

SEVERN.	Your 2353A/28. Return to Gibraltar forthwith. (route). (F.O.C.N.A. 0910A/29 to SEVERN).
TALISMAN. THUNDERBOLT.	C. in C. A.W.I. 10220/27. Request I may be informed of time and position entering North Atlantic Station. Onward route will be signalled direct. (F.O.C.N.A. 1016A/29 to R.A.3).
Azores.	Your 1749B/26. - para. 3. The rule for Azores is that not more than 3 ships may be inside territorial waters at any one time, not necessarily day. Ships are not allowed to remain inside territorial waters longer than 24 hours. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1027/29 to Admty.). See also 2340B/29.
Cable Operation.	Your 1050A/14. Remainder of operation, i.e., repair of cable west of Spartel, should be held in abeyance. (D.S.D. 1115B/29 to F.O.C.N.A).
WISHART. AVONVALE.	Steer to Trial (?) of Canary Islands. Further signal follows. (F.O.C.N.A. 1212A/29 to WISHART AVONVALE).
FURIOUS. SCYTHIA. CAMERONIA.	Your 0950A/28 approved. F.O.C.N.A. pass to FURIOUS and HERMIONE on arrival. (D.O.D.(F). 1219B/29 to F.O.C.N.A).
French Convoys.	Gibraltar 0820/29 French minesweeper ENGAGEANTE French ships STRASBOURGEOIS, AUVERGNE both light OUED SEBOU laden passed Westbound 0500. French light cruiser LE MALIN French ship KAKOULIMA laden and Tanker PORT DU BOUC full westbound. (S.O.I. Gib., 1555A/29 to Admty. etc.).
ASPHODEL, ASTER, FLEUR DE LYS.	Expected to put in to Ponta Delgada for Fuel oil about 3/7. Requirements. Permission is being asked through Ambassador. (D.O.D.(F) 2340B/29 to N.C.S.O. PontaDelgada) Cancelled (D.O.D.(F) 1042B/1).

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South Atlantic.

BUTTERFLY.
XXIV MAGGIO
(Italian).

Pernambuco reports BUTTERFLY left harbour 2359 G.M.T/28.
XXIV MAGGIO has received clearance and is expected to leave Sunday evening. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 0214Z/29 to R.A.S.A.D).
Following received by Opnav from U.S. Naval Observer Recife: BUTTERFLY and 24 MAGGIO have received clearance for Hamburg via Buenos Aires. BUTTERFLY expected leave tonight, other 2200 G.M.T/29. Two large Lati Planes departed Recife/ during last 24hours. 0432/29. (A.L.U.S.N.A., 0443/29 to Admty.).
BUTTERFLY left Pernambuco 2359Z/28. (C. in C.S.A. 0706N/29 to S.A. Stn.).-
My 0214/29. BUTTERFLY has returned to Pernambuco. (S.O.I. Montevideo 0722Z/29 to R.A.S.A.D.)
(C. in C.S.A., 1030N/29 to S.A. Stn).
(S.O.I. Freetown 1040N/29 to Admty.).
Pernambuco reports BUTTERFLY and 24 MAGGIO sailed at 2130 G.M.T./29. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2345Z/29 to R.A.S.A.D).

MONBALDO.
(Italian.)

Following received from Opnav. On morning of 28/6 MONBALDO departed from Para Brazil. 2315/28. (Spenavo, 0325/29 to Admty.).

NEWCASTLE.
CARNARVON.
CASTLE.

NEWCASTLE fuel from Oiler ABBEYDALE 1/7 then proceed to Plate. Intend she should visit Monte-video 7th - 9/7. CARNARVON CASTLE now patrol K 32 K 33 and is to fuel Rio de Janeiro 4/7, then resume patrol same area in co-operation with ALCANTARA as in my 1143Z/29. (R.A.S.A.D., 1135Z/29 to S.A.D).

T.C. Convoy.

Desired to arrange a troop convoy to sail Halifax for U.K. 17/7 or as soon as possible thereafter. Request report as to which homeward bound troopships now en route to Trinidad could be ordered on to Halifax for inclusion in such a convoy; troop capacity etc. (D.S.T. 1225B/29 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown) Reply: 1735B/30.

DIDO.

Your 1638B/14. Date of completion 13/7;
(N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1245/29 to Admty.).

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Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 4 enemy destroyers 1 M.T.B. 4 M.Vs. 32.51 N., 14.27 E., 270° 10 knots. (A/C F., 0404/29 to Hal Far.).
Enemy previously reported are of type indicated 4 12,000. (A/C. F., 0429/29).
Following has been read. My 0450? 4 M.V's, 2 Destroyers are in single line ahead with 4 Destroyers flanking. (Nore W/T 0445/29).
Following received. 6 destroyers, 4 M.V's course 260 speed 10. My position 32° 57' N. 14° 1' E. (Nore W/T 0450/29)

JERVIS. DECOY. Send JERVIS to Alexandria forthwith. DECOY is to rejoin you on completion of towing operation. (C. in C. Med., 0911C/29 to C.S. 15).

BERYL. Will be on patrol in position 255° Cape San Dimitri 20 miles from 0930B to 1300B/30. (V.A. Malta, 0936B/29 to S.O. Force H).

Air Raid on Alexandria. Air raid 0245 to 0445. About 13 planes. No casualties. Some mines on land 10 miles from Harbour. (R.A. Alexandria 0955C/29).
Operational Summary No. 384 up to 1200 hours 29/6 1941. Night 27/28. About 17 unidentified aircraft attacked Alexandria dropping bomb and mines, some exploded slight damage only. (H.Q. R.A.F., M.E., 1106/29).

Greek Fleet. Reply to 2044/14. (Hd. of M., 1127B/29 to C. in C. Med.) See Lion Copy.

RORQUAL. Proceed through 035° 20' 014° 14' and 035° 30' 014° 14' to arrive off Grand Harbour 0645B/2. (S.O. (S) Malta, 1136B/29 to RORQUAL).

Bombardment of Damur. Your (Corrupt group). Yes tonight. Special target 75 m.m. battery which is harassing forward troops and Brigadierpersonally. Battery situated at Manzanille (details). Suggest starshells from destroyers might be used both as an illuminant and an incendiary. Request time shooting will take place. (N.L.O. Palestine, 1235/29 to C.S.15).
NAIAD and 2 destroyers will be bombarding Damur tonight. Keep well clear between 0001/30 and 0300/30. (C.S.15, 1521/29 to PARTHIAN).

/Grumman.....

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Grumman Aircraft. Supply of, and performance. Need for fighters. (C. in C. Med., 1303/29 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

Greek Fleet. My 1012/28. I have agreed with Admiral Sakellariou for GIORGIOS AVEROFF HEPHESTOS one torpedo boat and one submarine to proceed to Port Tewfik pending decision concerning their further movements. (C. in C. Med., 12450/29 to Admty.).

Attacks on Transports. Enlargements confirm my 2204B/28. On 27/6 Air Reconnaissance of East Sicilian Port secondary Messina reveal no damaged liner. (N.O.I.C. Malta 1337B/29 to C. in C. Med.) See also 2043/29.

SALVIA M.L. 1032. Leave Alexandria at 19000/30 and pass 33° N. 34° E. so as to arrive Famagusta 07000/2., coming under orders N.O.I.C. Cyprus when North of 34°. M.L. 1032 is to sail in company if ready. (R.A.D., Med., 13450/29 to SALVIA).

Air Attack on Enemy Convoy. Tripoli bombed. I 402. 29/6 part 3. 3 Marylands attacked convoy of 4 large M/V's 6 destroyers 10 miles East Tripoli. 6 250 lbs. G.P. bombs from average height 10,000 ft. No direct hits. Several near misses. 9 Blenheims despatched to same target failed to locate. Leader then attacked buildings resembling factory East of Tripoli which was completely destroyed. 1 our aircraft blown up by a bomb. Blenheim 2nd sortie still out. Wellingtons and Swordfish going later. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1725/29).

THRASHER, first patrol. THRASHER passage report blank. Spare personnel and stores landed for me by RORQUAL. THRASHER handed overby makers 4/5 followed by first of class trials and 3 days working up, left U.K. 14/6. Personnel fresh but consider first patrol should be short since minor trouble still occurs and period alongside depot ship required. (Cdr. S.I. 1731B/29 to Capt. S.I).

/DEFENDER.....

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Mediterranean-Contd.

DEFENDER. Attacked by A/C. WATERHEN sunk.

Following received from DEFENDER. Help 32° 20' N 25° 13' E. (Nore W/T 20100/29).
My 2005 (N.T. in W.D) Have on board all WATERHEN survivors, no casualties. Will endeavour to tow after dark. My estimated position at 0500 166 32° N., 26° E. 20. Request fighter protection. (DEFENDER 21030/29 to C. in C. Med.).

Benghazi bombed.

Night 28/29. Wellingtons bombed Benghazi causing fires Derna Port effects not observed Gazala one red.fire. (H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. 2036/29)

Attack on Convoy 25/6.

Now possible to state definitely that MVs in convoy attacked evening 25/6 were 2 with 2 funnels and 2 with 1 funnel all very large ships. After attack convoy believed proceeded Taranto where 1 ship similar to those attacked has now been identified. Convoy sighted 28/6 comprises 3 very large ships with 2 funnels and 1 with 1 funnel, and of different colours. View of Naval staff here is that 2nd convoy may be another or mixture of first and second and that attack on 26/6 damaged and probably sunk two large ships. (H.Q. Malta, 2043/29).

Situation Report 71. WATERHEN hit. U/B sunk.

Syria. PERTH CARLISLE and 5 destroyers bombarded Damur area P.M./28. Satisfactory fighter protection available.
(ii) Western Desert. WATERHEN hit by bomb in 032° 15' N. 025° 20' E. at 20050/29 while on passage to Tobruk. No casualties, engine room and cabin flat flooded after boiler room bulkhead leak. DEFENDER in company is attempting to tow her to Mersa Matruh during night.
(iii) Submarines. TRIUMPH encountered U-boat steering north at 10 knots in 032° 05' N. 026° 47' E. at 0818/27 and sank it by gunfire and 2 torpedoes.
(iv) Sequel to my 2346/28. Convoy was again sighted by aircraft at 0400/29 (? 60 ? 148 or ? 83) miles east of Tripoli steering west. Convoy attack of 26th, see V.A. Malta 2204/28.
(v) Air raid on Alexandria before dawn 28th and 29th without efficient damage either day.
(C. in C. Med., 23150/29 to Admty.).

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East Indies.

French Ships. — Master of U.S.A. EXMINSTER reports that on 15/6 in position 200 miles S. of Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, he passed a small French warship escorting two 600-ton merchant ships steering south. All wore French flag. He was unable to identify ships. (C. in C.E.I. 0536Z/29 to Admty.).

COLOMBO. RANCHI. — My 1158/26. COLOMBO is to leave patrol to arrive Durban p.m./1. RANCHI is to leave Durban a.m./1 and proceed to position X and then patrol on line X Y Z given in my 0632/14 speed 12 knots. (C. in C.E.I. 1136Z/29).

W.S.9A. W.S.9AX. — My 0806/28 Para 2. Intend CAPETOWN CASTLE to proceed to Bombay with DURBAN CASTLE and EMPRESS OF JAPAN. W.S.9AX will be detached from W.S.9A in about 010° N. (C. in C.E.I. 1146Z/29 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown etc.).

Iraq Forces. — G.H.Q. India assumed operational control of forces in Iraq from midnight 28/29. (C. in C. India, 1430/29 to W.O).

ATREUS. ALSEY. — C. in C.E.I. 1730Z/21. No commitments are outstanding for ATREUS and ALSEY but it is desired to retain them in the Middle East. Request you will operate vessels in consultation with C. in C. Med. accordingly. (D. of L.D. 1804B/29 to C. in C. E.I).

China.

Russia. — Co-operation. Chiefs of Staff F.E. No. 14. (1st S.L. to C. in C. China, 0025B/29) See Lipn Copy.

Co-operation with Dutch. — System of tactical command. (C. in C. China 0327Z/29) See Lion Copy.

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America and West Indies.

St. John's Base.	(Head of M, approved 1st Lord, 0123B/29 to C.N.S. Ottawa) See Lion Copy.
THUNDERBOLT. TALISMAN.	My 1827P/28, intend sailing THUNDERBOLT and TALISMAN escorted by BUXTON 1300Z/30 (route). (R.A.3 B.S., 1115P/29 to C.C. Newfoundland, Capt. S.2).
ASTURIAS.	E.T.A. Chesapeake Lightship 1200Z/3. C. in C. A.& W.I. please inform B.A.R.M. (ASTURIAS 1150Z/29).
REVENGE.	Adty. (? 1251B/21. Very desirable that REVENGE should proceed to Bermuda for few days for gunnery practice. If no objection request dates convenient to you. (R.A.3 1157P/29 to Adty., N.O.I.C. Bermuda, REVENGE).
A.M.C's.	Re transfer of 3 to South Atlantic. (D.O.D. (F) 1212B/29) See Lion Copy.
T.C. Convoy.	My 0136/13. May be possible to arrange a T.C. convoy to sail Halifax 17/7 or shortly after. Request confirmation that any available accommodation could be fully utilized. (D.S.T., 1226B/29 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).
Sighting U/B's by A/C Ferries.	Your 2146Z/24. A scheme came into force 30/5/41, covering all aircraft ferried across the Atlantic. British Air Mission, Washington, have full details (D.N.A.D. 1305B/29 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)
H.X. 136. S.C. 36.	My 1732Z/26 and F.O.C. 3 B.S. ? 01 30/28. Intend to provide following escorts for H.X. (? 136) BURNHAM S.C. 36 CHURCHILL CHESTERFIELD, AGASSIZ, WETASKIWIN, all escorts to combine under the orders of CHURCHILL when convoy joins. Six merchant ships will join S.C. 36 with Newfoundland escort. (C.C.N.F. 1421Z/29 to C. in C.W.A).

/ARAKAKA.....

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ARAKAKA. C.C.N.F. reports special ship ARAKAKA due back at St. John's N.F. A.M./26 not yet arrived. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1536Z/29 to Admty.).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. F.O.C.N.A's 0950A/28. Leave Bermuda on completion practice 30/6 and proceed to R/V with ships mentioned and homeward A/S escort in position (c) 45° N. 25° W. at 0900B/8. Proceed by direct route unless otherwise ordered. (C. in C.A.W.I. 1602Q/29 to ROYAL SOVEREIGN).

JOHN W. MACKAY cable ship. Your 1619R/28. No action will be taken to remove JOHN W. MACKAY until after discussion in London with U.S. Authorities. (D.S.D. 1739B/29 to B.A.D. Washington).

Suspicious Ship. Message 1600R/28 from Britman. As far as is known in Admiralty no British or Allied Merchant Ships were in the area at the time. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1931B/29 to C. in C.A.W.I. etc.).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships attacked.

GRAYBURN (H.X.133.)

Following has been read. 59.30 N. 18.07 W. GRAYBURN torpedoed. (Liverpool T.O.R.0941/29.) GRAYBURN torpedoed at 0230B/29. Ship sunk. Probable 17 survivors. MALCOLM, SCIMITAR, SPEEDWELL, VIOLET, ARABIS, CELANDINE and NORTHERN WAVE searching area of wreck for U.Boat. NIGER, ICARUS, WATCHMAN, NASTURTIUM, NORTHERN PRIDE, NORTHERN GEM, NORTHERN SPRAY continuing with convoy. (S.O.No.8 Escort Group 0435B/29 to C. in C.W.A.)
Ship torpedoed GRAYBURN, my position 059° 52' N. 018° 36' W. (MALCOLM 0534/29)

BALTARA (torpedoed 27/6.)

Your 2219B/28. (Anything known) No. (OTTAWA 0653/29 to C. in C.W.A.)

MAASDAM. KINROSS. MALAYA II. (torpedoed 26/6.)

Following survivors landed Reykjavik. (a) 34 ex. MAASDAM including 14 Americans and 1 French. (b) Full crew (?of) 37 ex KINROSS (c) 5 ex MALAYA II. (N.O.I.C.Iceland 1612/29 to Admty.)

AURIS. (torpedoed 28/6.)

Tanker AURIS torpedoed and sunk in 034° 27' N. 011° 57' W. at (?21) 30/28. (?26) Survivors picked up by FARNDALE, 4 dead, 29 missing. C.B's destroyed. A/S escort was sent but failed to meet as AURIS was 36 hours late. (F.O.C.N.A. 1658A/29 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported.

0042. A.M. AF. 59° 30' N. 018° 07' W. at 0042Z/29. (D.D.I.C. 0107Z/29 to G.B.M.S. Area I)

1008. At 1008 German submarine bearing 248, class two. (F.O.C.N.A. 1151/29 to N.A.Stn.)

1300. U/B tracking indications suggest possibility of U/B in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C. 1314B/29 to AURORA.)

1247. At 1247 G.M.T. 1 German submarine 252° class 2. (F.O.C.N.A. 1407A/29 to N.A. Stn.)

1328. At 1328 G.M.T. German submarine 255 class 3.
1343. At 1343 G.M.T. German submarine 220 class 5. (F.O.C.N.A. 1505A/29 to N.A. Stn.)

/Estimated .....

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Submarines Reported. Contd.

Estimated U.B. dispositions. (27 German, 1 or more Italian) (D.D.I.C. 1515B/29)

1408. At 1408 G.M.T. German submarine 300, class 5. (F.O.C.N.A. 1547A/29 to N.A. Stn.)

1608/27. C.A.F.O. 834/41 (a) ST. CROIX (b) 1608Z/27 (c) 043° 23' N. 056° 46' W. (d) 10 (e) 1800Z/27. Report delayed until clear of convoy. (ST. CROIX, 2101Z/29 to C.O.A.C. Halifax, BIRMINGHAM.)

Submarines Attacked.

U.B. sunk by MALCOLM. My 0435B/29 (see Ships Attacked) U. Boat sunk. Prisoners on board. MALCOLM rejoining convoy. (S.O. 8th Escort Group 0747/29 to C. in C.W.A. Admty.)
My 0747B/29. U.boat surfaced severely damaged after depth charge attacks by searching force 5 hours after it attacked convoy. Sighted and engaged by MALCOLM at range of 5 miles. Full crew 45 taken prisoner. U.boat sank in 59° 51' N. 13° 37' W. Probable U.651 at sea 4 weeks. Attack developed from ahead, one torpedo being fired inside convoy. (S.O.8th Escort Group, 1251B/29 to C. in C.W.A. Admty.)

By Walrus 0915/28. S.L.78 dispersed 1700N/28. U.boat sighted close to and dived attacked by Walrus aircraft by depth charges at 0915N/28 026° 03' N. 024° 07' W. Possibly damaged. Two corvettes hunting. If SHROPSHIRE keeps R/V 9/7 fuel permits maximum speed 12 knots on patrol. (SHROPSHIRE 1405Z/29 to Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)

By ARBUTUS. Position 052° 00' N. 016° 24' W. (B) at 1120/29 Submarine sighted by ARBUTUS. 11 attacks carried out. No definite result, continuing to search area. RHODODENDRON in company. (Weather report) (PIMPERNEL, 1500B/29 to C. in C.W.A.)
My 1500B/29th. Disbanding search. No result. 2 corvettes charge sets expended. (weather report) (PIMPERNEL, 2330B/29 to C. in C.W.A.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Iceland (C) was today constituted an independent command under the Admiralty.

British Air Operations.

Daylight attacks on Bremen and Kiel.

Bomber Command aircraft attacked the ports of Bremen and Kiel and other targets in North West Germany in daylight today. Two vessels in an escorted convoy, and a large trawler, are claimed as having been hit and sunk off Norderney. Bremen and Hamburg were attacked last night, and minor attacks were made on other naval bases. Four A/C of Coastal Command carried out escort duty over Convoy H.C.59 from 2130/29 to 0130/30.

Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy O.G.66 was attacked by a F.W. this morning in 50° 51' N. 20° 36' W. No damage was caused.

Mining.

Mining off East Coast.

Mines were detonated off Hartlepool and in the Thames Estuary. Norwegian LEIESTEN was mined this morning off North Foreland. She was a straggler from a convoy, and was not swept through the area.

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North Atlantic.

Yankee Clipper sighted an unknown freighter 25/6 and again 26/6 mid north Atlantic. HALVERNIAN has been ordered to investigate and a Catalina aircraft is to search tomorrow.

South Atlantic.

VILLE DE TAMATAVE intercepted.

DUNEDIN intercepted Vichy S.S. VILLE DE TAMATAVE this forenoon in 4° 15' S. 16° 58' W. and is sending her under armed guard, unescorted, to Freetown.

Catalinas are now co-operating in raider hunting from Ceylon, Maldives, Seychelles and Mauritius, and Diego Garcia.

Mediterranean.

Operation "Railway".

35 Hurricanes with 6 Blenheims have arrived at Malta.

Libya and Western Desert.

59 aircraft sorties were undertaken today as protective patrols for H.M. ships. Towards evening 6 major attacks occurred on ships; FLAMINGO and CRICKET escorting two supply ships to Tobruk were both damaged but were able to proceed. FLAMINGO reported 2 aircraft shot down and 1 damaged by 1400.

Tripoli harbour was bombed last night in very bad weather and hits were obtained on the moles amongst shipping. During a further bombing attack this morning several hits were obtained on a large ship, probably ESPERIA, which is reported to have suffered severe damage, and a second large ship, probably OCEANIA/~~or~~ NEPTUNIA was hit at least twice.

/Palestine .....

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

Palestine and Syria.

Wellingtons last night bombed shipping and docks at Beirut.

China.

Now that the Siberian route is closed to Germany it is anticipated that she will make every effort to ship rubber and other important commodities by the western route and to use French shipping for this purpose. The Admiralty have instructed C. in C. China as to the steps to be taken to avoid intercepted ships being released, as occurred in the case of the COMPIEGNE which the Dutch released for fear of reprisals.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Humber Air - Sea Rescue Service.

Additional air/sea rescue craft are urgently required to operate from the Humber.
(2) M.L's and M.G.B's are being used temporarily but this cannot be continued without interference with the work of Anti-E-boat and A/A protection of convoys.
(3) Request one Flotilla of eight M.L's be allocated to Humber as soon as possible to improve rescue service. (C. in C. Nore. 1526B/30.)
C. in C. Nore's 1526B/30. No M.L's available.
C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail M.A/S.B's 25 and 26 to the Humber for Air - Sea Rescue Service as soon as possible.
(A.C.N.S.H. 1909B/30.)

A/P Trawlers from Shetlands.

Your 1922/28. Arrangements proposed in C. in C. Rosyth's 1559/28/6 are concurred in A.L. M.M/S 0190/41 of 19/4 refers. (A.C.N.S. H. 1830B/30 to A.C.O.S.)

Movements.

VANESSA.

Departure VANESSA in tow of tugs DIVERSION and RICHARD LEE BARBER and escorted by WIDGEON for Southend. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0709B/30)

SHROPSHIRE.

Your 1405Z/29. Proceed to Scapa at best speed. C. in C.W.A. is requested to signal route. (D.O.D.F. 1226B/30 to SHROPSHIRE.)

REPULSE.

REPULSE is to remain at the Clyde to give 48 hours' leave, subsequently to proceed to Scapa for practices. It is probable that REPULSE will relieve RENOWN temporarily, towards the end of July, while the latter ship proceeds to U.K. for refit. (V.C.N.S. 1322B/30 to REPULSE.)
INGLEFIELD and ACHATES are required to screen REPULSE sailing for Scapa p.m./3. (C. in C.H.F. 2251B/30.)

A.M.C's.

Forecast of A.M.C.'s leaving Clyde corrected to 30/6. (F.O.C.N.P. 1456B/30.)

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Operations.

Denmark Straits Patrol. — Sailed SUFFOLK to relieve MANCHESTER 1830 Z. (A.C. Iceland 1840/30)

British Air Activity.

Bombing Restrictions. — Cancel S.B.R. in area 53 and in area 51 East of 6° W. forthwith. (H.Q.C.C. 1340/30)

Clyde Area. R/C of Lights. — F.O.I.C. Glasgow 1658/29. Urgent requirement exists for R/C of navigational lights in Clyde Area.
2. Previous R.A.F. R/C report included phrase that "Lights particularly in Tail of Bank area appeared like South Coast town on a Regatta Night."
3. Experience of recent raids indicates that certain navigational lights may be identified and used as aiming mark or line of run up.
(D. of L.D. 2031B/30 to Air Ministry.)

Enemy Air Activity.

EMPIRE METEOR (Bombed 29/6.) — Arrangements for assistance and towing to Humber. Arrived Humber 1745. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0109B/30, LEEDS 0542/30 C. in C. Nore 0825B/30, F.O. Humber 1755B/30)

Convoy F.N. Even. — Convoy AGENT is being shadowed by one Enemy Aeroplane bearing 070° - 2 miles, in 53° 50' N. 0° 25' E. (LIDDESDALE 0734/30.)

Convoy O.G.66. — Convoy attacked by one F.W.200 at 8.30 B in 050° 31' N. 020° 36' W. High level attack. 5 bombs dropped, no damage. Aircraft shadowing. (SCARBOROUGH 0930B/30)

Mining.

LEIESTEN (Norw.Tanker 6118 tons) — LEIESTEN was mined approx. at B.3 Buoy at 1039/30. Slight damage. No casualties. Tow to Southend and thence to Blackwall. (North Foreland Radio No T.O.O. 4 Signals, N.C.S.O. Thames 1857B/30)

B.S.66. — Operation B.S.66 is to take place tomorrow night by PLOVER escorted by HAMBLEDON. Departure to be taken from 54 C buoy at 0001/2 returning by same route on completion. It is important not to lay South of position ordered. (C. in C. Nore 1048B/30 and 1604/30 D.16 2241B/30)

/ILSE .....

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Mining.

ILSE (Mined 20/6)	Salvage stern half now safely moored Hartlepool Harbour. Enters West Hartlepool Docks this evenings tide. (Smith, W. Hartlepool 1120/30)
Hartlepool.	L.L. Trawler detonated one red mine in 54° 42' 35" N. 01° 02' W. at 0929/30. (N.O.I.C.Hartlepool 1222/30)
Harwich.	H.K.3 patrol reports mine explosion at 0910 in 51° 42.4' N. 1° 24.7' E. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1244B/30)
Thames Estuary.	9 S.A. mines detonated as follows. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1655/30 and 1824/1) Some of the mines dropped near B.2 Buoy on 24th became active at 0730B/29 shortly after the northbound convoy of 47 ships had been swept through this danger area. Nine acoustic mines were swept during the day. The southbound convoy of 56 ships was divided into two parts each part being swept in by separate groups of sweepers. This morning S.S. LEICESTER broke down and sailed from Southend later than convoy in circumstances which are under investigation and was damaged by mine near B.3 Buoy. Vessel was towed back to London. No casualties. Three acoustic mines swept today. One spontaneous explosion yesterday and one today. (C. in C. Nore 2322B/30)
Depth Charges in A/P Trawlers.	Your 1800B/29. Admiralty have no evidence to support the possibility suggested. As regards fitting A/P trawlers with depth charges decision in a.m.1306/29/6/40 was based on their slow speed and the shallow waters in which they -operate. These factors are unchanged. A rough guide is that depth charges should not be fired at 8 knots in under 150 feet of water (vide O.U.5485 para.13) There is no objection to A/P trawlers with a speed in excess of 8 knots embarking depth charges. (D.A.S.W. 1812B/30 to C. in C. Nore.)
Burnham.	Parachute Reported in Paglesham Pool, no report yet of mine itself and no report of crater. (R.N.O. Burnham 2030/30)
Liverpool.	Mine report to 1800/30. One detonated by LL trawler in 53° 35' 12" N. 5° 37' 38" W (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 2054/30)

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Raider Situation.

(C. in C. S.A., 1345N/30 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

My 1338B/27. TRAFALGAR was sunk in 25° 00' S. 01° 00' E.
(D.D.I.C. 2115B/30.)

North Atlantic.

MARSDALE
Search for suspicious freighter.

Proceed towards area G.3. Further orders follow.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0058A/30 to MARSDALE.)
My 0058A. Yankee Clipper sighted freighter of about 6000 tons in 037° 26' N. 043° 07' W. at 0625A/25. Clipper again sighted same ship in 038° N. 039° W. at 0615/26. Ship apparently Norwegian but no flag. So far as is known no ship British or allied was in area at the time. Endeavour to intercept on assumption that ship is proceeding Finisterre area.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0156A/30 to MARSDALE.)
A.M. 1211B/30 (N.T. in W.D.) and your 0156A/30. On completion of task ordered in your 0156A/30 MARSDALE should return to L.2. MALVERNIAN in estimated position 47.30 N. 21.30 W. may be used to assist MARSDALE. On completion of task MALVERNIAN should proceed to K.2.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1330B/30 to F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1449A/30 (N.T. in W.D.). Yankee Clipper sighted freighter (details as in 0156/30). Proceed at best speed to 43° N. 17° W. and sweep along centre of area F 3 to westwards. Catalina aircraft will search area F 3 during daylight tomorrow. If nothing is sighted by darkness proceed independently to patrol in K 2.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1558A/30 to MALVERNIAN.)
My 0156A/30. Proceed at best speed to 42.00 N. 16.30 W. and sweep along centre of area G 3 to westward. Catalina aircraft will search area G 3 during daylight tomorrow. If nothing is sighted by darkness proceed independently to patrol in area L 2.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1614A/30 to MARSDALE.)

S.L.78
ORWELL

Convoy S.L.78 has dispersed. Return to Gibraltar passing through 036° N. 012° W. Report E.T.A. when you reach this position.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0202A/30 to FLEUR DE LYS.)

/My 0202A/30.....

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North Atlantic.

S.L.78 ORWELL Contd.	My 0202A/30. Proceed through position (F) 33.18' N. 19.00 W. (G) 35.20' N. 10.10 W. look out for tanker ORWELL on passage to Gibraltar and escort her in. If not met R/V in 35.00 N. 11.00 W. with JONQUIL SPIREA at 0800A/2. (F.O.C.N.A., 1202A/30 to FLEUR DE LYS.) Admty. 2340B/29. FLEUR DE LYS returning. Gibraltar will not fuel at Ponta Delgada ordinarily. (F.O.C.N.A., 1214A/30 to Admty., Consul, Ponta Delgada.)
Cables	Your 1115B/29. Cable west of Spartel has been repaired. There is a break in same cable in Straits of Gibraltar the repair of which will be held in abeyance. (F.O.C.N.A. 1715B/30 to Admty.)
CHALLENGER STARWORT & LAVENDER.	Expected to call Ponta Delgada about 6/7. Oil fuel required. Permission is being asked through Ambassador. (D.O.D.(F) 1721B/30 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)
Independent Ships.	Is it clear that, within the limits of your station, you will re-route independent ships bound to or from Gibraltar as may be necessary? (A.C.N.S.(T) 1741B/30 to F.O.C.N.A.)
FOXHOUND	Your letter No. 516/255 of 14/6. Approved for FOXHOUND to proceed to U.K. when FIREDRAKE rejoins 8th D. F. about 7/7. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1941B/30 to S.O. Force H.)
Force H.	H.O.4 (a) 0630/1. (II) Request Dockyard Berth for FURIOUS and FEARLESS and Ambulance for 16 Cot cases in FURIOUS and one in FEARLESS. (III) Remaining ship will exercise during afternoon. (IV) Request 2 Fulmars from North from R/V 5 miles East of Europe Point 0600 and Swordfish from North Front provide A/Sm. patrol from dawn. (S.O. Force H., 2041A/30 to F.O.C.N.A.)

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South Atlantic.

BUTTERFLY XXIV MAGGIO (Italian)	Left Pernambuco together 2130 G.M.T./29. (C. in C. S.A., 0131N/30 to S.A. Stn.) (S.O.I. Freetown 0846N/30 to Admty.)
DUMANA, R.A.F. Base ship.	Approx. E.T.A. carrying personnel of 228 Squdn. (Air Min., 1125/30 to R.A.F. Bathurst.)
QUEEN OF BERMUDA DRAGON	Your 1920B/28. DRAGON arrives Pointe Noire Bay 1/7 and proceeds to Simonstown to arrive 12/7 to be taken in hand 14/7. Suggested possibility of QUEEN OF BERMUDA refitting U.S.A. instead of Simonstown be considered (ressons). (C. in C. S.A., 1245N/30 to Admty.)
Troop Convoy	Reply ro D. of S.T. 1225/29. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown, 1735B/30.)
COMMANDANT DUBOC	A.T. 1325B/18/6. Request COMMANDANT DUBOC call at Pointe Noire and Lagos; probable Free French authorities may avail themselves of opportunity to repatriate certain personnel to U.K. (D.O.D.(F) 1907B/30 to C. in C.S.A.)
Zigzagging	Your 1543/26. N.C.S.O's South Atlantic Station have been instructed that ships are to zig zag when north of 10°S. (C. in C. S.A., 1955N/30 to Admty.)
NORDERNEY (German)	Para reports has full head of steam and has tried engines. (S.O.I. Montevideo, 2020Z/30 to R.A.S.A.D.)
VILLE DE TAMATAVE intercepted	Vichy VILLE DE TAMATAVE intercepted in 004.15 S. 016.58 W. at about 1130Z/30 by DUNEDIN has on board 20 passengers 57 crew. Guard and navigating party placed on board, ship proceeding unescorted for Freetown. Will be met and brought in by Destroyers. DUNEDIN proceeding to patrol in I.35 J.35A as ordered. (C. in C. S.A., 2053N/30 to Admty.)
SHEHERAZADE Vichy French	Sailed from Bermuda 25/6 bound for Dakar. If encountered ship is to be allowed to proceed. (C. in C. S.A., 2131/30 to S.A. Stn.)

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Mediterranean.

WATERHEN (Bombed 29/6)	WATERHEN capsized in 055° 32° N., 25° E. 22 miles. Am proceeding Alexandria, E.T.A. 10000/30. No Casualties. (DEFENDER, 0130C/30 to PARAMATTA, JACKAL, FLAMINGO. DEFENDER's 0150C/30. Join DEFENDER and return to Alexandria. (C. in C. Med., 0351/30 to JACKAL.) DEFENDER's 0150. Have turned back for Alexandria E.T.A. 12000/30. (PARAMATTA, 0357C/30 to C. in C. Med.) WATERHEN bombed while running in essential stores and personnel to Tobruk. DEFENDER got WATERHEN in tow, ship sank in 032° 12' N. 025° 25' E. (C. in C. Med., 1810C/30 to A.C.N.B. 1816C/30 to Admty.)
Alexandria Raid.	As R.A. Alexandria 0955C/29. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1044/30.)
STROMBO (Italian)	My 1246C/26 Grade A.2 STROMBO will sail 4/7 for Italy. (N.A. Istanbul, 1047C/30 to C. in C. Med.)
PARTHIAN	Leave patrol p.m./30 (route). (?) to arrive Haifa 0700C/1. C.S.15 amend route if necessary. (C. in C. Med., 1104C/30 to PARTHIAN.) My 0946C/30 and C. in C. Med.'s 1104C/30. PERTH will reach seaward end of swept Channel at 0500/1 approaching south of latitude 0330 00' N. (C.S.15, 2014C/30 to PARTHIAN.)
M.T.B's for Haifa	M.T.B's 68, 215 and VULCAN are to be sailed as convenient to arrive Haifa by 1200/2. They will be based at Haifa until further notice. (C. in C. Med., 1146C/30 to N.O.I.C. Famagusta.)
THRASHER P.33.	My 1212B/23 to THRASHER. Route. (V.A. Malta, 1206B/30 to P.33.)
Movements	Summary No.208. (C. in C. Med., 1242/30.) See Lion Copy.

/Enemy M/V.....

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Enemy M/V.

Following received. Addressed No.48 (G.R.) Sqdn. From A/C on Duty F. P.C. & S. of 5000-ton enemy M.V. 225 Spartivento 19. Course 320° 14 knots.
(Malta W/T, 1412/30.)

Enemy Destroyers

Following received. Addressed No.48 (G.R.) Sqn. from A/C on duty F. P.C. and S. of 3 enemy destroyers 225 Spartivento 18 course 100° 18 knots.
(Malta, W/T, 1414/30.)
Following has been read. P.C. and S. of 3 enemy destroyers 225 Spartivento 18 miles course 102° speed 18 knots.
(Malta W/T, T.O.R. 2016/30.)

Aircraft

Proposed Coastal Command. (C. in C. Med., 1520C/30 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

F.A.A. Units Disembarked

Reply to Admty 0239/28. (C. in C. Med., 1620C/30 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

Tripoli bombed 29/6, 30/6. Operation "Railway"

P.M./29. 3 Marylands high level attack co-operating with Blenheims attacked Tripoli 3,000 lbs. G.P.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Malta, 1900/30.)
No results seen due cloud and smoke screen. Attacks Tripoli harbour night 29/30 6 Swordfish abandoned task owing very bad weather. 7 Wellington dropped G.P. and incendiaries. Hits Spanish Mole Kayamanli Mole amongst ships. Photos show possible damage medium M/V. Morning 30/6, 6 Blenheims (?82) Sqn. low level attack Tripoli 2 aircraft 6 direct hits and other near misses on probably ESPERIA superstructure blew up other severe damage. 1 aircraft at least 2 direct hits on probably OCEANIA 20,000 tons. Or NEPTUNIA 12,000 tons also machine gunned seaplanes on water and disembarked troops. Operation "Railway" 35 Hurricanes 6 Blenheims arrived.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1905/30.)

Beirut bombed.

Prelim. Op. Summary No.14. Night 29/30. 5 Wellington bombed shipping and docks Beirut. Northern Mole straddled 2 direst hits.
Western Desert, day 30/6. 59 Sorties protective patrol H.M. Ships. 6 major attacks on ship towards evening some ships hit.

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Beirut Bombed. Contd.

Our losses 1 Tomahawk, 1 Hurricane. Enemy losses claimed, not yet confirmed, 8 shot down 3 damaged.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 2041/30.)

Syria, bombardment request.

Battery at Abey which is known consist of at least 4, (corrupt group) mm. guns and an unknown number of 75 mm, now definitely located and is proving a severe menace. Army urgently request open shooting (details). Request confirmation that shooting will be carried out and time of commencement. Ends.
(N.L.O. Palestine, 2148C/30, 2315C/30 to C.S.15, V.A.1.)

Situation Report 72.

Syria. NAIAD and KANDAHAR bombarded Damur area during night 29/30.
Western Desert. FLAMINGO CRICKET escorting two supply ships to Mera Tobruk heavily bombed P.M./30 CRICKET boiler room flooded and FLAMINGO also damaged by near miss but both able to proceed. FLAMINGO reported two aircraft shot down and one damaged by 1400.
(C. in C. Med., 2334C/30 to Admty.)

East Indies.

Catalina Search.

My 1428/15. Catalina F V W proceeded from Seychelles to Mauritius via Agalega and Cargados Carajos on 29/6. Nothing sighted.
(C. in C. E.I., 0318Z/30 to Admty. etc.)

"Q" Report 26/6.

(1) British Ship WEST POINT report received part a "Q" Distress Signal 1130Z/26 007° 00' N. 085 30' E. only portion read was Q Q Q Q ? (Note of interrogation) 12 N. 088° 16' E.
(2) Message made once through only finishing abruptly morse speed up towards end Commercial strength 2/3 Atmospherics bad.
(3) N.C.S.O's are to question Masters who were in vicinity of 088° 16' E. It is assumed the 12 N. refers to unknown degree 12' N.
(C. in C. E.I., 1702Z/30 to N.O.I.C's.)

Troop Transport

A.M. 1857/26 and C. in C. E.I. 1146/27.
War Office signal from C. in C. M.E. states that 23 Nigerian Brigade will not be ready for embarkation before mid-August.
(D.O.D.(F) 1733B/30 to C. in C's. E.I., S.A.).

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China.

HAVENSTEIN
URSULA
RICKMERS — My 0709/20. Dairen, HAVENSTEIN in ballast, German crew ashore, ship prepared to sail. URSULA RICKMERS reported may sail. (Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0337Z/30 to Admty.)

Indo-China — Rubber question, etc. Reply to Decoux. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1324B/30, 1615B/30 to C. in C. China.) See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

M.T.B's. — Asking for loan for service in Mediterranean. (V.C.N.S., to C.N.S. Ottawa 1214B/30.) See Lion Copy.

SURCOUF — Bermuda departure SURCOUF in accordance with my 1901Q/22/6. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1303Q/30 to Admty. etc.)

Suspicious Vessels. — My 1852Z/26. CHESTERFIELD arrived St. John's N.F. 30/6 with nothing to report. Low visibility throughout 2 days patrol. (C.C.N.F., 1542Z/30 to Admty.)

Ore Ships, St. John's N.F. — Concerning policy ore ships from Wabana joining Convoy off Newfoundland. St. Johns N.F., unsuitable in size for Convoy assembly Port and Concepcion Bay entirely unprotected from S/M. attacks. Anchorage open to public view and use as assembly anchorage cannot be kept secret. For consideration whether ships should be sailed singly to Sydney C.B. on load rather than attract attention of enemy to this important but undefended anchorage. (C.C.N.F., 1907Z/30 to Admty.)

REVENGE — Your 1157P/29. Concur. Visit must not clash with MALAYA, who will arrive at Bermuda about 10/7 for seven days' practice. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1932B/30 to R.A. 3.) My 1021Q/30 and Admty. 1932B/30. If 4 days is considered sufficient for REVENGE suggest practice from 7th to 10/7 inclusive. (C. in C. A.W.I., 2232Q/30, to R.A.3.)

/MALAYA.....

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MALAYA

C. in C. A. & W.I. 10010/25 and A.M. 1658B/22. Cancel A.M.1658B/22. In view of C. in C. A. & W.I. 10010/25/6, on sailing from New York MALAYA is to proceed to Bermuda for seven days' working up practices and then proceed to Halifax. MALAYA will probably accompany convoy T.C.12 to U.K., to be ready to sail from Halifax on 21/7. Intended that MALAYA shall change ammunition and recommision at Rosyth.
(A.C.N.S.(H) 1950B/30 to C. in C's. etc.)

BARFLEUR (French)

Will depart from Fort de France for Martinique on evening of 29/6 to escort Merchantmen to Cayenne and may be Para. BARFLEUR is expected to return to Fort de France about 15/7. OPNAV.
(A.L.U.S.N.A., 2220/30 to Admty.)

B.H.X. Convoys

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 13412/28. Concur that while junction position is so far to northwards and in fog area suspension of B H X convoy is advisable.
(ii) Should junction position be (thus?) moved to southwards as in case of H X 135 consider B H X convoys should be reinstituted as time saved especially in the case of traffic via West Indies is considerable. N.C.S. staff at Bermuda should therefore be retained and D.E.M.S. training centre kept going.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 22220/30 to Adty.)

RESOLUTION

Your 0140/25, approved to retain surplus ratings ex LIVERPOOL for RESOLUTION. Request whether sufficient officers and ratings to complete RESOLUTION to full complement will be available in U.S.A. ex other ships refitting. Present intention is for RESOLUTION to return to U.K. after refit.
(D.P.S. 2227B/30 to B.A.R.M.)

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Monday.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

MERCIER (torpedoed ? 17/6) — My 1836Z/18 (N.T. in W.D.). KEMI (Finnish) has been ordered back to U.S. by her owners. She reports has 26 survivors aboard and has been ordered to Halifax. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0345/30 to Admty.)

PENDRECHT (torpedoed 8/6.) — U.S. EXCALIBUR rescued 12 survivors from Dutch PENDRECHT 150 miles east of Azores at 2130/22, ship torpedoed 1109?/8 in 54°N. 37°W. Submarine believed Italian with picture of Bull on fore-side conning tower. Three torpedoes fired. C.Bs. sunk. All crew left ship in three boats. My 2359Q/25 reported rescue of second boat. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1009Q/30 to Admty.)

AURIS (torpedoed 28/6.) — Master of Tanker AURIS states that his E.T.A. Gibraltar was 30/6 which was reported to N.O.i/c Trinidad. S.O.(I) Jamaica's 16(?06) R/17 gave E.T.A. Sydney above but Admty's 12158/23 gave E.T.A. Gibraltar 28/6. Request action be taken as in my 1228A/16. (F.O.C.N.A., 1304A/30 to Admty.)

WAR DIWAN — Master of LOCH GARRY reported seeing the wake of a torpedo fired from a westerly direction at 0415/29 approx., 59° 15' N. 03° 25' W. He thinks this must have been aimed at Tanker WAR DIWAN but escort Trawler CAPE WARWICK was of opinion that there was no torpedo fired. Consider Master's opinion correct. (N.C.S.O. Kirkwall, 1435/30, to A.C.O.S.)

KINROSS (torpedoed 24/6.) — British KINROSS 4956 tons on Charter to Ministry of Shipping torpedoed by U-Boat at 0905/24 approx. in 055° 23' N. 038° 49' W. Ship sank 15 minutes later. Master states all C.B's thrown over board in weight bags except 1 which was burnt. No casualties. (A.C.I.C., 1853/30 to Admty.) Was outward bound for Sydney N.S., in O.B.336. (D.S. 666.)

KONGSGAARD TIBIA (H.X.133). — W A C I's Part 100 sec. 18. KONGSGAARD torpedoed (corrupt group) side amidships and TIBIA torpedoed starboard forecastle are proceeding in company with H.X.133.) (S.O. Escort Group 8, 1917B/30 to C. in C. W.A.).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Sailing boat on voyage Porto Santo to Madeira reported passing three S/Ms. during night 28/29. Exact hour not know. One submarine circled round boat. No distinguishing marks. Graded C.3. (O.I.C., No. T.O.O./30 to Admty.)

29/6 Search abandoned. Returning to base 51° 56' 16° 22'.
(PIMPERNEL, 0930B/30 to C. in C. W.A.)

Estimated U-Boat dispositions. (29 fixes)
(D.D.I.C. 1432B/30.)

Oil Streaks Five new parallel oil streaks at 56° N, 14° W. 085 R. (A/C Duty H., 1900/30 to 15 Group H.Q.)

2008 1951 At 2008Z/30 German U-Boat vicinity of 035° N. 016° W. At 1951Z/30 U-Boat approx. 225° Cape Finisterre 120.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2227A/30 to N.A. Stn. amended 0403A/1.)

My 2151B. Further bearings Gibraltar 320/3 Reykjavik 158/1 indicate U/B approx. 120 miles S.W. of C. Finisterre.
(D.D.I.C. 2316Z/30 to F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

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War Diary.

1.10.1941.
Wednesday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

3 M.T.Bs. with 2 M.G.Bs. in support had an engagement last night in the Channel with an enemy convoy proceeding westward through the Straits of Dover. Enemy coastal batteries also engaged our forces. Evidence shows that one enemy armed trawler was hit and sunk, probably by torpedo. Our forces suffered no casualties. Superficial damage was caused to one M.T.B. The enemy apparently escaped into Boulogne.

British Air Operations.

29 aircraft attacked Stettin last night 61 attacked targets at Hamburg, and 39 the docks at Cherbourg.

Two hits with 250 lb, S.A.P. bombs were obtained on a 2000 - 2500 ton merchant ship attacked by aircraft of Coastal Command off the North Frisian Islands this evening.

Coastal Command aircraft last night attacked shipping off Ameland. A 10,000 ton ship received a direct hit.

Eight enemy E-boats were attacked by 8 Hurricanes of Fighter Command this evening off Dieppe and all 8 were hit and damaged.

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1.10.1941.
Wednesday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Enemy Air Operations.

Enemy aircraft reconnoitred the Faeroes today and bombed Sovaag (Vaago) at 1300A. Faeroes trawler VESTURVDI was damaged.

A few bombs were dropped in the Dover area at about 2345 today. No naval damage or casualties were caused.

M.V. SERENITY was damaged by air attack at 2400A today 10 miles S.E. by E, of St. Govans L.V.

A/P Trawler ANCRE ESPERANCE was machine gunned and superficially damaged off the south Bishops at 2300.

Mining.

M.M.S. 40 was damaged by a mine whilst sweeping in the Thames Estuary today.

S.S. BROOM reports seeing an enemy seaplane laying mines N.W. of the Bishops.

KOENIGIN LUISE and ILMARINEN sunk.

It is reported that the German minelayer KOENIGIN LUISE was sunk by a mine on 25/9 whilst proceeding to operate near Kronstadt and that the Finnish Coast Defence ship ILMARINEN was mined and sunk on the night of 13/14 Sept. whilst covering a landing party at Dago.

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Wednesday.

SITUATION REPORT.

North Atlantic.

Operation "Halberd".

RODNEY, ARK ROYAL, HERMIONE, EDINBURGH (C.S.18) EURYALUS and 9 destroyers arrived at Gibraltar this morning.

S.O. Force H., reports that the co-operation of R.A.F. fighters was excellent throughout and gave a great sense of security.

The flag of S.O. Force H., was transferred from NELSON to RODNEY 1P.M. today.

PRINCE OF WALES left Gibraltar this evening with 4 destroyers.

Mediterranean.

C. in C. Med., reports that on 10/9 TORBAY torpedoed a 3000 ton ship in Candia harbour. She secured a possible hit on a transport off Gaidero Island on 19/9.

Libya and Western Desert.

13 Wellingtons attacked shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi last night.

M/S Trawler SOTRA was hit in Tobruk today by a shell from an enemy battery and was taken to Alexandria for repairs.

U-Boat Campaign.

The British S/S tanker SAN FLORENTINO in Convoy O.N.19 was reported torpedoed at 2227 G.M.T. today in 52° 50' N., 34° 40' W., and her speed was reduced to 7 knots. She had eventually to be sunk by U.S.S. CAMPBELL on 2/10 in position reported to be 52° 42' N., 34° 51' W.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

KOS II, KOS IV. Proposed relief.

My 1111/30. KOS II and MINT will be sailed for Scapa as soon as weather moderates.
Oil fuel situation for KOS II and KOS IV is now acute.
It is requested therefore that these two oil burning ships may be relieved as soon as possible by a coal burning A/S Trawler.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 1135A/1 to A.C.O.S.)

BEN-MY-CHREE.

C. in C. W.A. 1150/25/9. BEN-MY-CHREE after arrival Faeroes on 28/9 reported she had insufficient fuel to return direct to Clyde. She was only able to reach Scapa to refuel by reducing speed to 15 knots. Since no fuel oil is available in Faeroes it is desirable that if BEN-MY-CHREE must be used for this service she should call at Loch Ewe for fuel on the return passage. (A.C.O.S. 1141A/1 to Admty).

Sailing of Canadian Escorts.

Your 1905/30. Yes.
(C. in C. W.A., 1201A/1 to A.C.I.C.)

Co-operation with Russia.

M/S gear for Russian Trawlers.

Your 1722A/30, para 1. I will take this proposal up after Beaverbrook conference ends. This should be treated quite separately from the request at this conference for the immediate despatch of nine trawlers already fitted.
(Ad. Miles, 1239C/1 to Admty).

Soviet, Fleet.

Remains at Kronstadt where it is sometimes shelled by German shore batteries on Southern Coast. Finnish report. (N.A. Stockholm, 1014/1)

Osel.

Island of Osel now completely in German hands. Russian garrison gradually being mopped up by Germans. Finnish report. (N.A. Stockholm, 1014/1).

Naval Items requested.

My 1722A/30, para 2. Following are most important items requested by Soviet Mission and replies thereto. (D.N.I., 1437A/1 to Ad. Miles)
See Lion Copy.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

CONQUEROR. My 1600/29 and 1852/30. CONQUEROR did not sail owing to air raid. Intend to sail in F.S.9 tonight. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0915/1).
CONQUEROR sailed to join F.S.9.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 2130/1).

INDOMITABLE. My 1014/29. Sailed INDOMITABLE.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1113A/1).
Proceeding Belfast Loch to adjust machinery.
Request gate at 2045. HEEMSKERK in company.
(INDOMITABLE, 1912A/1).
Arrived INDOMITABLE, escorted by HEEMSKERK.
(F.O.I.C. Belfast, 2125A/1).

CLEVELAND. Leave convoy and proceed to Dartmouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1206/1 to CLEVELAND).

BOURNEMOUTH QUEEN. A.M.1106A/30. Request you will sail BOURNEMOUTH QUEEN for Southend as convenient tomorrow for inclusion in E.C.81 to Tyne. Ships will act as additional escort whilst on passage.
(C. in C. Nore, 1206A/1 to Cdre. Sheerness).
C. in C. Nore's 1206A/1. Intend to sail BOURNEMOUTH QUEEN at 1700 tomorrow for Southend for onward routeing to Tyne and inclusion in E.C.81. (Commdre. Sheerness, 1546A/1)

CANTON, ALAUNIA. Following forecast of movements of A.M.C.'s corrected to 30/9. For Freetown. CANTON leaves Clyde about 14/10.
For Halifax ALAUNIA leaves Clyde about 15/10.
(S.O.W.P., 1420A/1).

BRAMBLE. Intend to sail BRAMBLE 0400A/4 to arrive Scapa 0600A/5. F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail SEAGULL and SPEEDY to R/V with BRAMBLE at 0700A/4, in 55° 07' N., 05° 38' W.
(F.O.I.C. Belfast, 1819A/1).

Escort for D.S.12 B. Departure CHARLESTOWN and CASTLETON.
(N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1925/1).

/LONDON.....

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Movements. - Contd.

LONDON, SHROPSHIRE.

1. LONDON is required to sail from Archangel with Mission P.M./4.
2. On relief by SHROPSHIRE return to Archangel at best speed.
3. Unless you signal to the contrary it will be assumed that you will pass through position Z at 0600Z/3. (V.C.N.S., 1938A/1 to LONDON).

TRIDENT.

Your 0959C/1. Return by route previously ordered to R/V in position R.1. at 0800C/3, with U.S.S.R. SHTORM Class Destroyer. Well done.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1956C/1 to TRIDENT).

Operations.

Convoy C.W.52 shelled.

Enemy Coastal batteries fired ten rounds between 2249 and 2255 yesterday. All fell to the westward of Dover in the vicinity of C.W.52. No damage or casualties reported.
(V.A. Dover, 0157A/1).

Attack on Enemy Convoy. 1 Enemy Trawler sunk. M.T.B.219 slightly damaged.

M.T.B.s 38, 218, and 219 left Harbour at 2236 followed by M.G.B.s 43 and 52 in support at 2308 yesterday to intercept R.D.F. plot of 4 enemy vessels passing westward through Dover Strait.
At 2355 M.G.B's sighted and reported enemy off Blanc Nez and shadowed as they rounded Gris Nez.
At 0105 M.T.B.s 38 and 219 attacked between Gris Nez and Boulogne but owing to moon conditions enemy escort vessels were able to engage M.T.B.s heavily before a firing position could be reached.
In second attack M.T.B. 219 fired one torpedo at a trawler type vessel and claims a hit as explosion was seen and felt. M.G.B.s who closed and engaged escort as M.T.B.s attacked saw an explosion, a vessel stopped in smoke and later encountered some wreckage.
M.T.B. 218 lost touch and was unable to contact enemy who were plotted entering Boulogne at 0122.
Composition of enemy force was probably 2 merchant vessels of 3 to 4 thousand tons escorted by 3 trawlers and some R boats which used smoke.
Enemy coastal batteries and searchlights also engaged our forces. Evidence shows that one trawler was hit and sunk, probably by torpedo.
Results of gun-fire not observed.
No casualties, and superficial damage to M.T.B. 219 only. (V.A. Dover 0512A/1).

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Operations. - Contd.

Ship sunk by TRIDENT.

One ship sunk. (TRIDENT, 0959C/1).

East Coast Patrols.

Weather permitting tonight one unit of M.T.Bs. is to carry out a patrol in vicinity of Scheveningen between 5 and 10 miles off shore. One unit of M.G.Bs. is to patrol between 52° 23' N. 4° 7' E., and vicinity Ymuiden in support of M.T.Bs. If no activity develops M.G.Bs. are to retire to an intercepting position at daylight in vicinity of 53° N., 3° 20' E., should fuel permit. (C. in C. Nore, 1144A/1 to BEEHIVE).
Departures M.T.Bs. 30, 31 and 32 at 1735.
M.G.Bs. 58, 63, 64 and 65 at 1820.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1822A/1).
Weather permitting patrols tonight are
(one) one motor gunboat with EGLINTON.
(Two) One unit motor gunboat vicinity Leman Bank.
(Three) One unit of motor gunboats ten miles 090° from Smith's Knoll buoy.
(Four) One unit of motor launches on Q.E. (2)
(Five) One unit of M.T.Bs. and one unit motor gunboat operating between Ymuiden and Hook of Holland returning at daylight.
(C. in C. Nore, 1526A/1).

Eastern Channel Patrol.

4 Chasseurs patrolling Q Z Y 271 as far as Meridian Greenwich returning St. Helens at daybreak. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1557A/1).

British Air Activity.

Bombing operations.

On 30/9 no operations took place. On night 30 Sept./1 Oct. 28 A/C bombed Stettin, 59 A/C bombed Hamburg, and 39 A/C bombed the docks at Cherbourg. (H.Q.B.C. 1345/1).

S.N.16 B.

Your 0947/1. Fighter escort will be provided by single Blenheim Fighters from dawn until 1500/3. In addition single seater fighters will be standing by. (C. in C. Rosyth 1852/1 to R.A.M.) Orders for Escort. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1920B/1 to 14 Group).

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Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy C.W. 52. CEDARWOOD (British 899 tons) damaged.	Arrival CEDARWOOD in tow of LADY DUNCANNON. Damaged by near miss Bomb confined to engine room and steam pipes. Ship not making water. One man slightly wounded. (V.A. Dover, 0156A/1)
NORTH BRITON (steam drifter) attacked.	At 1325/30 attacked by A/C 3 miles East of Colieston. 2 bombs, near misses. No A/A measures taken. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1225/1).
EILEEN DUNCAN, STAR OF DEVERON, (M/S Trawlers) sunk.	EILEEN DUNCAN and STAR OF DEVERON sunk by bombing at T.I.C. quay P.M./30. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1301/1)
Faeroes attacked. VESTURVDI damaged.	Enemy aircraft carried out R/C of Faeroes today and attacked Sovaag (Vaago) at 1300A. 4 or 5 bombs. Faeroes trawler VESTURVDI damaged, also some damaged civilian property ashore. No casualties. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 1450/1)
North Shields bombed.	Air attack from 2105 - 2215/30. Damage to Naval Base Offices N., Shields, and Trawler Maintenance Base T. I.C. Quay. A. Superficial and other minor damage. Casualties reported 1115/1. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1624/1)
CARRICKMORE.	Reports engaging Dornier 17 with Holman Projector 10 miles S. by E. of Tuskar at 2150A/30 and with 2 Hotchkiss at 2215/30. (N.O.I.C. Newport, 2223A/1).

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Mining.

S.N.16 B.

Intend to carry out operation S.N.16 B., as follows provided fighter escort is available. WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. Fighter escort as arranged by C. in C. Rosyth from dawn until 1500/3rd.
From 057° 22' 24" N., 000° 49' 48" W., to 057° 16' N., 000° 58' 30" W. Sail at 1930/2, lay at 0910/3, return Port ZA at 2300/3. (R.A.M., 0947/1).

Baltic. ILMARINEN (Finnish Coast Defence ship) sunk on night 13/14. 2 E-boats destroyed. KOENIGIN LUISE (German Minelayer) sunk on 25/9.

Baltic. Following Naval events recently learnt through Finnish official sources. Graded B.2. (a) night 13/14 ILMARINEN, proceeding Dago to cover landing party, struck mine N.W. of island capsizing in 40 seconds with loss of nearly 300 lives. Cdre. Rahola was saved.
(b) On 15/9 2 or 3 Lighters loaded with German mines at Helsingfors were leaving for Hamina when they exploded destroying 2 E-boats and 72 Germans.
(c) On 25/9 German Minelayer KOENIGIN LUISE proceeding operate in vicinity Kronstadt struck mine, foundered with loss 42 Germans. 80 survivors were recovered. (N.A. Stockholm, 1014/1).

Operation "Tincture".

Your 1925A/29. Vessel returned. Operation completed. Negative results.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1019A/1)

Thames Estuary.

One S.A. mine detonated at 1957/30. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1430/1).

Portsmouth Area.

POLRUAN has cut T type mine. Am endeavouring to secure and tow it Northward South Middle Ground buoy for mooring. Position Nab Tower 297° 13.5 miles. (ROTHESAY, 1555/1).
Mine moored in 072° 8 cables from South Middle Ground Buoy. (ROTHESAY, 1840/1)

M.M.S. 40 damaged.

M.M.S. 40 sustained considerable damage from near mine. No casualties. S.A. Mine exploded 20 yards on port bow while sweeping near Maplin Edge Buoy. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1659A/1)

/Minelaying.....

HOME COMMANDS.

Mining. - Contd.

Minelaying off Bishops.

Customs Examination Officer, Warren Point reports Master of S/S BROOM states enemy seaplane was laying mines near 10 mile buoy northeast of Bishops. Mines were being laid along line of buoys. BROOM was machine gunned, but seaplane sheered off. As he proceeded he heard two explosions, believed to be mines exploding. (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 2120A/1).

Minelaying off Tuskar.

Steamship CARRICKMORE reports that at 2240/30 when ship was about 2 miles south of Tuskar one Dornier 17 dropped 2 objects, one ahead and one astern, which are thought to have been mines. (N.O.I.C. Newport, 2223A/1).

Enemy Intelligence.

Norwegian Coast. MINERVE report.

MINERVE reports.
(A) At 1710A/21 in Bue Fiord unsuccessfully attacked southbound 1200 ton M.V.
(B) At 1605A/26 in Frojsjoen sighted three 250 ton U/Bs and one escort vessel off Sondre Botten Light course 185° speed 9 knots.
(C) At 1650A/26 sighted one "M" Class minesweeper off Sondre Botten.
(F.O.S., 2252A/1)

Casualties & Defects.

BRADFORD, BADSWORTH. (W.S.12).

BRADFORD has defects in steering engine and boilers and BADSWORTH has both steam dynamos out of action. Both ships unfit for sea. (Capt. D. Londonderry 0211/1)
BADSWORTH has following defects. Sailed 0749/1 (E.T.A. Liverpool 1730/1).
(Capt. D. Londonderry 0800/1).

EXPRESS.

Owing to requiring de-perming my 1158/27 is delayed 48 hours. Now sailing at 1500/4. (F.O. Humber, 1207/1).

/MONTBRETIA.....

HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties & Defects. - Contd.

MONTBRETIA. My 2208A/30 Sailing postponed. Engine defects. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1426A/1).

NIGER. NIGER will not be able to sail for some time. Trials have proved quite unsatisfactory and further trials must be undertaken to endeavour to locate cause of trouble which is not at present known. (N.O.I.C. Dundee, 1615/11)

POLITICIAN. MARAUDER is to be sailed from Stornoway and CAROLINE MOLLER from Loch Ewe so as to arrive alongside S.S. POLITICIAN anchored in Eriskay Sound between South Uist and Eriskay at daylight on 3rd October. On arrival C.O.'s are to report on board POLITICIAN and tow POLITICIAN Loch Boisdale for beaching. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1929A/1).

Shipping & Convoys.

W.S. 12. My 1821A/27 and my 1720A/29. For BRADFORD read BEVERLEY and for BADSWORTH read VERITY. (C. in C. W.A., 0226A/1)
My 1004A/29. Sailed less BRIGHTON delayed by defects. Commodore B.S. Thesiger, Royal Naval Reserve. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0326A/1)

O.N.S.21 CHILLIWACK, etc. Your 2157A/30 not understood. Request clarification. These ships required for O.N.21 from Iceland. (C.C.N.F., 0311Z/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
It was assumed from ST. LAURENT's 1100Z/30 that Corvettes had not got sufficient fuel to proceed to Iceland. In anticipation that they would be required for O.N.21 they have been ordered to proceed independently to refuel to enable them to join O.N.21 as early as possible. (C. in C. W.A., 0946A/1 to C.C.N.F.)
Your 0946A/1. Presume this situation brought about by failure to meet U.K. Escort of which I had no knowledge. Your 2157A/30 received here as refit not refuel. This task unit required for O.N.S.21. Request ships may be refuelled and sailed as necessary to overtake O.N.S.21 without calling at Iceland. (C.C.N.F., 1231Z/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT's 1100Z/30. There is no Canadian escort in Iceland for O.N.S.21. (A.C.I.C., 1231/1 to C. in C. W.A.)

/DIANTHUS.....

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Shipping & Convoys. - Contd.

DIANTHUS. Report P.C.S. and Ships in company. (C. in C. W.A. 1210A/1 to DIANTHUS).

Convoy "Slave". CLEVELAND has been ordered to leave "Slave" and proceed to Dartmouth, speed 20 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 1211/1).

Convoys in Irish Sea. Your 1035/30. Convoys bound North or South in the Irish Sea are to keep to the starboard side of a line drawn between position K and H avoiding Cardigan Bay route, until sweeping operations have been completed. (C. in C. W.A. 1230A/1)

O.N. Convoys Signals as to dispersed ships. Your 1445Z/30. Para two is approved. (Opnav, 1622/1 to Admty).
Your 1445Z/30. This will meet our requirements. (Opnav 2002/1 to Admty).

CAPELLA RIMMAN (Swedish). Sighted 2 Eastbound merchant ships at 1330Z/1 in 053° 50' N., 031° 05' W. Sent MAYFLOWER to investigate.
MAYFLOWER reports. Ships were CAPELLA Swedish from New Orleans and RIMMAN Swedish from Buenos Aires bound for Faeroes Islands then to Sweden. Are to rendezvous with 3rd ship GLIMMAREN. Boarded RIMMAN which had a Swedish N.C.S.O. and was routed by N.C.S.O. At Buenos Aires. (ALBERNI, 1808Z/1).

"Wheel". 5 ships of "Wheel" straggling 10 to 15 miles astern of main convoy.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2050/1 to BROCKLESBY).

H.G.75. Estimated 0200A/12. ROCHESTER, LAMERTON, ARIGUANI, and Corvettes of 37th Group will bring back H.G.75. (C. in C. W.A., 2106/1)

Tankers. Your 1008/20. Yes. Tankers whether laden or in ballast are to be regarded as very valuable ships. (D.T.D., 2312A/1 to N.C.S.O. Methil)

American escorted convoys. Meeting of C. in C. H.F., C. in C. W.A., and Admiral Giffen today with A.C.I.C. and A.O.C. Iceland to discuss action to avoid danger. Details. (C. in C. H.F. 2357Z/29 to Admty)
See Lion Copy.

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North Atlantic.

Operation "Halberd". — Arrival RODNEY, ARK ROYAL, HERMIONE, EDINBURGH, EURYALUS, COSSACK, LEGION, LANCE, LIVELY, ZULU, GURKHA, FARNDALE, HEYTHROP, ISAAC SWEERS. (F.O. C.N.A. 0832A/1).

EDINBURGH. — My 1722A/30 and 0016A/1st. As EDINBURGH only arrived at 0745A/1st intend to sail her with LEINSTER. (F.O.C.N.A. 0916A/1).

MONTE ALMANZOR. — Have intercepted Spanish MONTE ALMANZOR Bilbao to Valencia cargo Jute from Calcutta no Navicert. Am accompanying toward Gibraltar. Request instructions. (LOCH OSKAIG 1010A/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1010A/1. Sending MONTE ALMANZOR with armed guard. E.T.A. 0800A/2. (LOCH OSKAIG 1350A/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)
No need to detain MONTE ALMANZOR on account of Jute cargo which is in order. (D.E.W.D. 1758A/1 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Reporting to Force H. — Your 1643/19/9. Para No. 4. Serious delays are incurred if this report is passed to 200 Group edited and passed to S.O. Force "H" when at sea from Gibraltar. It would be quicker if it was edited by you and passed out from Malta with subsequent re broadcast from Gibraltar in accordance with W/T organization in force Western Mediterranean. (F.O.C.N.A. 1122A/1 to N.O.I.C. Malta.)

0.21. — Keep north of 038° 20' N. from 0001/4th to 0001/6th. 0.24 passing through 038° 00' 009° 00' about 0100/4th thence through 039° 00' 010° 00' to patrol in Tyrrhenean Sea. P.34 passing through 038° 00' 009° 00' to Malta about 0400A/5th. (F.O.C.N.A. 1610A/1 to 0.21.)

ROYAL ULSTERMAN etc. — ROYAL ULSTERMAN, PRINCE BAUDOUIN and 2 destroyers are expected to call at Ponta Delgada for fuel about 6th October.
2. Amount required.
3. 2 other destroyers will call about the same date and will require about 100 tons each.
(D.O.D.(F) 1626A/1 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada).

LADY SHIRLEY. — Request arrangements may be made for LADY SHIRLEY to fuel Las Palmas. Date of arrival uncertain. (?F.O.C.N.A. 1810A/1 to Admty.)

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South Atlantic.

Local escorts.

Owing to shortage of Corvettes and Trawlers intend using 112 feet motor launches on short local escort jobs request complements may be increased by one additional S.D. per boat to obtain effective anti-S/M watch keeping. (C. in C. S.A. 0105N/1 to Adty.)

Planes for British.

For Ships in area P. and R. Six twin engine Douglas transport landplanes scheduled to leave Natal for Bathurst about 1800 G.M.T. today Wednesday. Ships should keep a good lookout. (D.C. 0143A/1 to S & A, S.A. Stn.).

LOUIS L.D. (Vichy French)

Mauritius Cable censorship indicates LOUIS L.D. is enroute from France to Tamatave possibly in company with F/S ERIDAN.
2. D/F Bearings at 2325/30 which may have been French transmission were 290° from Simonstown and 270° from Durban both 3rd Class. The cut places this station near normal French shipping route. (S.O.(I) Capetown 1110B/1 to C. in C. S.A., F.O.I.C. Simonstown).

Troop Transport Berbera to W. Africa.

Your 1801/29. (i) No objection to this delay. (ii) Durban preferred see N.O.I.C. Simonstown's 1639/30. (C. in C. S.A. 1937N/30 to Admty.)

Refits of corvettes.

Your 2351A/25. Cancel arrangements in my 1407/24. Following arrangements now being made GARDENIA and VERVAIN sailed with S.L. 87 and 88 respectively due for refit GARDENIA February 1942 VERVAIN April 1942 but both ships have major defects necessitating repairs on arrival about which further signal follows. Remainder of exchanges as follows.

Convoy.	Ship.	Date due for refit
S.L. 88	ASPHODEL	August 1941
S.L. 88	CYCLAMEN	September 1941.
S.L. 88	COLUMBINE	October 1941
S.L. 89	MIGNONETTE	April 1942
	CALENDULA	July 1942
S.L. 89	ANCHUSA.	February 1942.

Refits of those due in 1941 are not yet urgent. MIGNONETTE has defective stern tube bush requiring early attention. (C. in C. S.A. 2109N/30 to Adty.)

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Mediterranean.

EURYALUS, FARNDALE, HEYTHROP. — 599. Your 1722A/30. Para. 3. Concur. (C. in C. Med., 0740B/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Air Operations. — Night 29/30 Sept. 13 Wellingtons attacked shipping in Benghazi obtaining several direct hits on Merchant Vessel alongside outer Mole further bombs fell near other ships and burst on outer Mole.
Day 30 Sept. 4 large 12 small ships in Benghazi where small ship seen on fire.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1126/1.)
1605 hours 1 Blenheim attacked Schooner 300 tons possibly naval patrol 25 miles East Catania. 750-lbs. bombs dropped all near misses all of crew wearing naval uniforms dived overboard second Schooner 4 miles distant. Night 30/9 - 1/10. 1 Fulmar patrolled Gerbini Catania Aerodromes Gerbini 2 20-lb. bombs dropped from 1500 feet east side dispersal area results unobserved visibility bad heavy inaccurate barrage Catania and Gerbini. 8 Swordfish despatched attack Convoy (see Part 2 p.m./30/9.) after long search not located.
(H.Q. Malta, 2215/1.)

2 Schooners. — Aircraft report 2 grey and white painted schooners manned by naval personnel apparently on patrol in 037° 28' 015° 34' at 1800B/30.
(Capt. (S) 10, 1205B/1, to URSULA, UNBEATEN.)

NIZAM. — Can be accepted in Bombay in December.
(D.O.D.(F) 1214A/1, to C. in C. Med., F.O.C.R.I.N.)

S/M sunk by HERMIONE 2/8. — A.C.N.S.(F) 1215A/1.
See U-Boat Campaign.

Black Sea. — (e) No damage as yet to towns and harbours but some damage to aerodromes and railway. No further damage to fleet except one B Class destroyer damaged.
(f) Fleet supporting troops Sea of Azov otherwise only convoying.
(L.O. Black Sea, 1318C/1.)

/Co-operation...

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean - Contd.

Co-operation with Turkey.

If Turkey enters war Turks wish to reserve to Turkey Port of Iskanderun leaving us Mersin and Tripoli for whole maintenance of our forces. Impossibility of this was pointed out.
(N.A. Angora, 1321B/1.)

PHOEBE.

Intend following programme for PHOEBE (Alexandria to New York to refit.) Request arrangements be made for 500 tons fuel St. Helena and Pernambuco. PHOEBE has reduced oil stowage 870 tons. Pom-pom and main armament available but foremost turret can only be used in local control.
(C. in C. Med., 1331B/1 to Admty.)

Inclusion of Red Sea in Medn. Command.

Your 1355B/23. Concur in your proposals.
2. Request that you will confer with C. in C. E.I. as to precise line of demarcation at Aden, and inform Admty. of final decisions reached and the proposed date on which these changes are to come into force.
(1st Lord, 1340A/1 to C. in C. Med.)

Enemy Convoy.

3 Merchant ships 2 destroyers 035° 35' 012° 28' course 000° at 1015B/1.
(Capt. (S) 10, 1417B/1, to UTMOST.)

Operation "Halberd".

Further to my 1730A/29 D.3.(= 27/9.) Now reported bombs dropped but well clear. Prisoners stated 3 bombing squadrons should have participated in attack.
2. Position of enemy Battle Fleet appears to have been wrongly reported since A S V failed to reveal presence within 50 miles.
3. Torpedo aircraft observed to drop from 300 feet and torpedoes ran correctly. Confirmed barrage fire of destroyer screen caused some aircraft to turn away and others to drop outside screen. A few casualties none fatal in destroyers from ships barrage. Need established for more definite identification of damaged Fulmars returning low to fleet.
4. General operation of aircraft and handling very many under difficult conditions most praiseworthy.

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Operation "Halberd" Contd.

5. I attribute torpedoing of IMPERIAL STAR to operation taking place in moonlight. Had enemy reserved attack until after sunset majority of convoy might have been lost.
6. Propellers and rudder of IMPERIAL STAR blown off and vessel quite unmanageable in tow. ORIBI showed great determination excellent seamanship and judgment. Scuttling arrangements not in place and quite ineffective this type of ship.
7. Selection of Sicilian route fully justified enemy observed by R.D/F searching to southward. Bombardment of Pantellaria effective diversion. Enemy engaged heavily smoke floats dropped by HERMIONE who carried out operation great judgment and initiative. Hits high explosives on harbour and town. Shore batteries replied after 4½ minutes.
8. Desirable if possible berth arrangements at Malta should admit cruisers not leaving until dusk. No incident during return Tunis route.
9. Good contacts attacked 1700/25 and 1940/28 in 036° 42' N. 001° 31' E. and 037° 28' N. 003° 44' E. No definite result. U-Boat attacks on fleet at 0600/29 and 1720/29 in 037° 39' N. 006° 06' E. and 037° 38' N. 005° 35' E. In both cases no asdic contact. At 1010/30 GURKHA obtained contact and with LEGION destroyed Italian U-Boat in 037° 10' N. 000° 56' E. No survivors but quite definite proof including scalp
10. Although it is understood that a.m. attack by (? on) Elmas on D.3 only partially successful due to weather other R.A.F. attacks undoubtedly responsible for subsequent immunity of convoy on D.4 and return of escort D.5. R.A.F. fighters co-operation excellent throughout and gave great sense of security.
12. Further investigation now shows that multiple pom-poms succeeded in bringing down a number of enemy T/B A/C. Add to total bag one T/B A/C by gunfire during attacks on IMPERIAL STAR.
(S.O. Force H, 1727A/1.)

Defence of Iskanderun.

For Admiral Kelly. Your 1706/29/9 (a) Agree desirability of going ahead with defence Iskanderun first and as quickly (? as possible.)
(b) - (e) Technical.
(C. in C. Med., 1758B/30 to N.A. Angora.)

/Oilers.....

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Oilers. Request 2 Oilers be detailed for Med. Fleet to arrive during October.
(C. in C. Med., 1810B/1 to Admty.)

Operation "Halberd". Reported 4 Italian aircraft engaged in attack on convoy 27/9 have landed at Tunisia. One crashed Sousse, one landed at Kelibia and 2 landed at Bizerta. (Graded B.O.)
(C.G. Tangier, 1810/1.)

Malta. Day 1/10. 12 enemy fighters approached to within 10 miles Hurricanes drove off.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta,1830/1.)

Enemy Ships. In addition to ships in my 2131B/30th two merchant ships with one escort sailed 1900B/1st to northward.
(Capt. (S) 1, 1951B/1 to PERSEUS.)

Situation Report 154. Western Desert. Operation "Supercharge" completed. Approx. 5,000 of Australian Division relieved from Tobruk. 27 tanks transported to Tobruk in 'A' Lighters during this period. Normal supply continues. Result of air attacks on Bardia Harbour reported in my 2217/27 remains uncertain.
2. Red Sea. Ships of Convoy U.S.12 have unloaded and sailed. NAPIER and JACKAL have reinforced Suez Escort Force.
3. Levant. A/S activity continues. HYACINTH reports attacking contact in 023° 19' N. 034° 17' E. at 2200/28.
4. Vichy French Ship COLOMBIE has left Beirut for Toulon with all remaining personnel shut out from convoys.
5. Submarines. After unsuccessful attack on convoy off Cape Trepano, TORBAY chased convoy and torpedoed 3,000 ton ship in Candia Harbour on 10/9. One possible hit also reported on transport off Gaidero Island on 19/9.
(C. in C. Med., 2301/1.)

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East Indies.

Identification of Merchant Ships.

A.M. 266 R para. 2. Many Merchant ships on E.I. Station are not in possession of a daylight flashing lamp. Intend to authorize use of flags on E.I. Station in case where no daylight flashing lamp is carried. My 1346/17/8 (200 C) also refers and is being passed to Admty. who were not in original address.
(C. in C. E.I., 0334Z/1 to Admty.)
My 0334/1 following is repetition my 1348/17/8 200C begins E.I. Station 200C Repeated N.O.i/c Simonstown, C. in C. China, A.C.N.B. From C. in C. E.I. for N.C.S.O's. Masters are always to have their Signal Letters ready for immediate hoisting. Signal letters are always to be hoisted on the approach of an apparently friendly aircraft. Ends.
(C. in C. E.I., 0336Z/1.)

CLAN FORBES.

On completion of CLAN FORBES present commitments I intend she should proceed Calcutta to unload her cargo. She will then be urgently required by C. in C. China and myself for preparation of Secret Anchorages and I intended to arrange her subsequent programme with him. It will be extremely difficult to obtain any other ship capable of carrying landing craft which are essential to these Operations.
(C. in C. E.I., 0612Z/1 to D. of S.T.)

Persian matters.

Your 0748/30. No information has yet been received from Teheran concerning the progress made with matters mentioned in my 2005/5/9. You should therefore keep in touch with British Authorities in Persia.
Your 0748/30 has been passed to H.M. Minister, Teheran.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 2144A/1 to C. in C. E.I.)
Repeating C. in C. E.I. 0748/30.
(D.S.O. 2253A/1 to H.M. Minister, Teheran.)

S/M report.

Gordon Head D/F Station intercepted S S S S call on 12.2 megacycles at 2145Z/1 bearing 185° 2. Signal blocked by strong M C W Note.
(C.O. Pacific Coast, 2257Z/1.)

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China.

Miri oilfields. — Re immobilisation.
(D. of L.D., 1936A/1.)
See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

CIRCASSIA, PRINCE HENRY. — On completion of present duty CIRCASSIA is to R/V with PRINCE HENRY in 010° N. 050° W. at 1600Z/10 PRINCE HENRY will be sailed from Bermuda to comply. PRINCE HENRY takes CIRCASSIA under his orders (corrupt group) in due course patrols in Northern half square H 32, object stop enemy raiders and capture supply ships.
Both ships leave patrol 20/10 and proceed to (Trinidad.)
(C. in C. A.W.I., 0002Q/1 to CIRCASSIA, PRINCE HENRY.)

British S/Ms. to work up in U.S.A. — Navy Department has agreed to British Submarines working up at the Submarine base New London Connecticut after completion of refits.
(B.A.R.M. Washington, 0934R/30.)

CAPERBY. — (British ship) due St. Lucia 25/9 not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1121R/1.)
Kingston's 1121R/1. CAPERBY arrived Norfolk Va. 30/9 from Freetown, Sierra Leone direct.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 2348Z/1.)

A.W.I. Fleet State 1/10. — C. in C. A.W.I., 1122Q/1.
See Lion Copy.

POTLACH. — My 1527R/28/9 intercepted cable dated 26/9 indicates POTLACH making for San Juan P.R.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica, 1126R/1.)

/A.M.C.'s.....

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A.M.C's.

My 1551/17/9.
Pending decision as to policy regarding remaining A.M.C's of North Atlantic Escort Force, I could usefully employ these ships in pairs on patrol in Atlantic South of 30° N. Request your concurrence.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1131Q/1 to Admty.)

Policy for Singapore Conference, Eastern Fleet.

Request you will report without consulting U.S. Authorities, what progress has been made in obtaining U.S. agreement to ADB-2 and Admty. 0337/22/9.
(V.C.N.S., 1224A/1 to B.A.D. Washington.)

N.E.F.

Personal for First Sea Lord. Your 0116A/27 C. in C. W.A. 1858A/28 and C.C.N.F's 0117Z/29.
1. Allowing 2 destroyers with each convoy and sufficient margin for refit minimum number of destroyers for N.E.F. is 15 not 13.
2. Of 5 destroyers detailed in C. in C. W.A. 1858A/28 BURNHAM is refitting and READING is being towed from Iceland to Birkenhead.
3. In addition 2 R.C.N. destroyers are detailed for C.T. convoys and 3 for T.C.14.
4. This leaves only 3 R.C.N. and 3 R.N. destroyers at present operating in N.E.F. and only one destroyer will be available for next 4 S.C. convoys.
5. Request therefore the allotment of destroyers to N.E.F. may be reconsidered.
(C.N.S. Canada, 1437/30.)

S.C. Convoy Escorts.

Propose Escort Group with following designation escort Convoy as follows:-

S.C. Convoy.	Escort Unit.	O.N.S. Convoy.
45	4.1.11	21
46	4.1.12	23
47	4.1.14	25
48	4.1.15	27
49	4.1.16	29
50	4.1.13	31.

(Cdre. i/c Newfoundland, 1529Z/1.)

S.C.47 CARDIUM.

Sailed with defective M coil.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B., 1801Z/30.)

/INDOCHINOIS.....

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INDOCHINOIS. Your 1900A/27 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. On investigation it is found diversion signals were received and correctly decoded by INDOCHINOIS but master incorrectly plotted, position X placing it south of Ocean route. Noon position (? S) have been checked from his log agenda shows he kept if any 100 miles to southward his ocean route during entire passage to Cape Race. Master has been warned of seriousness of his action.
(N.C.S.O. Montreal, 1930Z/1.)

Plan 5. Points of difference from Plan 4.
(B.A.D. Washington 1939R/1.)
See Lion Copy.

Suspicious Schooner. S.S. SYLVAN ARROW reports suspicious three masted schooner 10 N. 7 6 W. No time mentioned. Information received by Navy Department. 1940 G.M.T./1.
(Opnav, 2124/1 Action to Com. 15.)

New Zealand.

Suspicious Ship. Your 1138Q/25. Vessel may have been Japanese YAMAURA SARU which left Buenos Aires 28/8 for Yokohama. S.O.I. Jamaica 1203R/30/8 not to Admty. refers. W/T transmissions not heard by N.Z. Stations.
(Navy Office, Wellington, 1615M/1 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

Search for H.G.73. survivors. LAPWING.

Your 2307A 30th. Have searched an arc 040° to 120° radius 95 miles from 047° 52' N., 023° 40' W. Number of Cork Bales were found bearing 110° 95 miles from that position at 2000/30.
Am searching outwards starting 40 miles from a position on bearing 105° to-day 90 91 24 54.
(LEITH 0030A/1 to C. in C.W.A.)
Rescued Leonard Lambert Fireman S.S.LAPWING from raft 047° 30' N, 021° 19' W.
Lambert states LAPWING torpedoed and sunk 0630 24th or 25th, had three crews on board, five other ships sunk that night. Life boats with Master may be in the vicinity. Please state
(A) date LAPWING and five others were sunk.
(B) If Master LAPWING has been brought in.
(LEITH 1658/1 to C. in C.W.A.)
Your 1658A 1. (A) AVOCETA, CORTES, LAPWING-PETREL VARANGBERG in 047° 40' N., 024° 07' W., tonight of 25/26. (B) No.
(C. in C.W.A. 2246A/1 to LEITH.)

Towing of SILVERBELLE (torpedoed 22/9.)

Tug GRAN CANARIA sailed from Las Palmas 2200/30 steering to Mas Palomas thence towards 026° 34' N., 024° 02' W., speed 7 knots.
Admiralty requested to recode and pass to COMMANDANT-DUBOC.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1807A/1, to LADY SHIRLEY.)

SAN FLORENTINO.

52 - 50 N 34 - 4 W SAN FLORENTINO torpedoed.
(TREWELLARD 2232/1)
Intercepted at 2238 G.M.T. de GMH S.S.S.S.
DE GQXT 52.50 N. 34.40W.
SAN FLORENTINO torpedoed.
(Port Patrick Radio 2232/1.)
NOTE: Previously circulated from TREWELLARD showing + as 34.4W. 34.40W is known to be correct.)
SAN FLORENTINO torpedoed at 2227/1 G.M.T. in 52° 50' N, 34° 40' W.
(D.D.I.C. 2335Z/1 to Opnav.)
Intercept 2248 D E G C K stop S S S S D E G Q X T 52.50 N., 34.40 W. SAN FLORENTINO followed by submarine on surface course 220.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2344/1.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated U/B disposition.
(D.D.I.C. 1432A/1.)

1650. Have lost touch with enemy submarine last seen in position 55° 35' N., 12° 30' W., FIX 533 534 1650.
(A/C 7VBN. 1535/1.)
German Submarine bearing 316° at 1445 G.M.T. on 10519 k/cs Second Class.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1639/1, to S. & A., N.A. Stn.)

S.C.46. sighted. S.C.46 D.F. bearings indicate convoy probably sighted by U-boat.
(D.T.D. 1650Z/1 to O.P.N.A.V, O.P.N.A.V., 1905/1 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, Cdr., Task Unit 4.1.14.)

1619. Reliable fix and D/F bearings of enemy U.Boat 1619/1 069° 03' N., 042° 26' E. Reliable Admiralty pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1959C/1 to Adty.)

1155. Blenheim Aircraft on passage to Gibraltar reports sighting U Boat on surface which crash dived in position 194° St. Mary's Scillies 183 minutes at 1155/1 G.M.T.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2222/1, to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Situation. S/M situation today.
(Opnav. 2359/1, to U.S. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.)

Submarines Attacked.

By HERMIONE 2/8. In view of repeated categorical denials by enemy that submarine rammed by HERMIONE on 2/8 was either German or Italian request you will report in what particulars fragments removed from HERMIONE's bows may have proved nationality of submarine.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1215A/1, to V.A.Malta.)

By A/C 1445. Have attacked enemy S/M, with bombs level, no hits, in 55°38' N., 13° 5' W., sighted on surface, course 280° speed 14 knots.
(A/C N-Sqn., 1430/1, 1445/1.)

By LARKSPUR 26/9. Ref. C.A.F.O. 834/41. (B) 0032A/26/9. (C) 047°20'N, 024° 10' W. (D) 26. (E) 0125A/26/9.
(LARKSPUR 2104A/1.)

MOST SECRET.

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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

3 M.T.Bs patrolled last night near Scheveningen supported by 4 M.G.Bs between 52° 23' N. 4° 7' E and Ymuiden.

Enemy vessels type unknown were sighted by Rame Head at 0056 today steering east. Their object is not known. No mines have been found in their track. Patrols have been arranged for tonight. (see 3/10 Mining)

Harwich was closed on account of fog at 0916A.

Convoy H.X.150 has arrived under Commodore Errol Manners, less S.S. NIGARISTAN, which was lost by fire en route. This was the first convoy to be escorted by ships of the U.S.A. Navy as far as the mid-ocean meeting point.

British Air Operations.

Foggy conditions caused curtailment of offensive operations last night. Minor attacks were made on Boulogne, Calais and the docks at Dunkirk.

Enemy Air Operations.

S.S. STURDEE ROSE reports being attacked at midnight 1/2 Oct. in 51° 35' N. 5° 26' W. One 560 lb. U.X.B. hit the ship and threw out 4 I.Bs; the U.X.B. was later removed. Damage was superficial and there were no casualties. The ship shot down the attacker into the sea, the wreck narrowly missing hitting the ship.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Aircraft laid mines last night at Lorient, St. Nazaire and Brest.

The Tyne was closed at 2132.

Normal conditions have been restored at Harwich and the port is open. (see 22/9)

Two more mines were detonated in the Thames Estuary today.

Enemy aircraft bombed Dover at 1945, 2130 and 2315 today. There were some naval casualties and slight naval damage was caused ashore.

South Atlantic.

Vice-Admiral A.U. Willis C.B., D.S.O. assumed command of the S.A. Station in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Robert H.T. Raikes, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Mediterranean.

Libya & Western Desert.

7 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour last night.

Two Italian sailors, survivors of the 23,635 ton liner DUILIO sunk by the English, have been picked up by the French ship COLOMBIE returning from Syria with repatriates, in company with MASSILIA and ANDRE LEBON.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

UTMOST torpedoed a medium sized M/V in a convoy of 3, escorted by destroyers, 4 miles W. of Marittimo at 0120 today. Result of the hit was not observed owing to counter attack by a destroyer.

CHURRACA, Armament storeship, sank at her moorings in Alexandria harbour at 1315 today, as the result of internal explosions the cause of which is being investigated.

East Indies.

French convoy for Indo-China.

It is reported that a French convoy of 4 ships will leave Diego Suarez shortly for Indo-China. Former reports said the convoy would leave on 10/10. Force T have been warned to intercept them if met, and ENTERPRISE, CORNWALL and probably one Catalina will operate in the area west of Saya de Malha as from 12/10 if the convoy does not sail before 10/10.
HERMES is not available, being overdue for boiler cleaning.

The dhow NARAN PASHA, which had taken food to Jibuti from Madagascar, was captured today in approx. 11° 38' N. 43° 16' E, while attempting to escape from Jibuti, and was taken to Zeilah.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

S.L. 87, Abuse of R/T by convoy escorts.

F.O.C.N.A. states that reports are continually being received of dangerous abuse of R/T. For instance, Convoy S.L.87 which was attacked 4 times on 22/9 to 24/9 and had 8 ships torpedoed, was heard by WILD SWAN at a range of 1250 miles and by FORESIGHT at more than 600 miles.

S.S. SAN FLORENTINO reported being torpedoed once at 0125 in 52° 42' N. 34° 51' W., and again at 0144. (See 1/10.)

Dutch S.S. TUVA in O.N.19A (3 ships, Iceland to Tampa) reported being torpedoed at 0607Z today in 54° 16' N. 26° 36' W.

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Policy.

KOS II.
KOS V (? IV)

Your 1135A/1. No A/S trawler is available to relieve KOS II and KOS V. Report endurance of these vessels at (1) full speed. (2) 10 knots. They will be refuelled at Scapa until fuel oil arrives at Thorshavn. (A.C.O.S. 1015A/2 to N.O.I.C. Faroes).

Co-operation with Russia.

Archangel M/V facilities.

If opportunity occurs request you will check harbour facilities in Archangel with reports in C.B. 17530. and Arctic Pilot Vol. I 1933. Information mostly required is total number of berths alongside with soundings and number of cranes with lifting capacity.
Any major discrepancy should be signalled.
(D.N.I. 1430A/2 to LONDON).

Movements.

INDOMITABLE.

Intend sailing INDOMITABLE escorted by JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK 2000A/2 for completion of trial and thence to Clyde. 6 hours cruising trial will be carried out followed by 4 hours full power trial which should start 0800/3.
(N.O.I.C. Belfast 0125A/2).
Your 2225A/1. Intend following programme.
Details for trials. 1500/3 arrive Clyde.
1630/3. Greenock. (INDOMITABLE 0147A/2).
Sailed INDOMITABLE escorted by HEEMSKERK.
(N.O.I.C. Belfast 2042A/2).

PORPOISE.

Sailed PORPOISE and WHITE BEAR for exercises and then in accordance with S.3's 0931A/29/9. Code word "Branch". (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1024/2).

SEAWOLF.

Leave patrol after dark 4/10 routed as follows to R/V in 50° 31' N. 0° 41' W. at 0645A/7.
S.B.R. arranged as follows. (Capt.S.5. 1048A/2 to SEAWOLF and 1155A/2 to C. in C. Plymouth).

/LONDON.....

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Movements-Contd.

LONDON.	Your 1938A/1. Arrangements in accordance with paras. 3B. and E. of your 1859A/30/8 made. (Ad. Miles 1049C/2 to Adty.) Your 1938A/1. Position Z at 0400Z/3. 800 oil fuel required at 1430Z/3. S.S. MUSSOVIET straggler Q.P.1. from A.M. 1st. Pass to Admiral Miles and S.B.N.O. Murmansk. (LONDON 1521A/2). My 1938A/1. W/T Beacons and air protection have been arranged. (D.O.D. H. 1713A/2 to LONDON).
H.32. CUTTY SARK.	H.32 leaves 049° 45' N. 5° 13' W. at 1000A/5. Thence diving by day through following positions to R/V at 0700A/7 in 050° 30'N. 0° 39' W. (Capt. S.7. 1128A/2). Following is a repetition of my 1136A/2 Begins. C. in C. Rosyth 1958/29. CUTTY SARK is to escort H.32 to arrive 180° Lizard Light 15 miles by 1000A/5. (Capt. S.7 1209A/2).
BRAMBLE. SPEEDY. SEAGULL.	M/S gear cannot be completed in SPEEDY till 4/10 and in SEAGULL till 6/10. Both ships could sail to conform with F.O.I.C. Belfast's 1819A/1 with gear on board but not fitted. Propose sailing of SPEEDY and SEAGULL be delayed till 6/10, and that BRAMBLE sails independently on 4/10. (C. in C. W.A. 1225A/2). Your 1225A/2. Ships should be sailed to arrive Scapa as soon as possible after completion. 2. Departure of these ships for Hvalfiord is to be postponed until 10/10. (A.C.N.S. H. 1856A/2 to C. in C. W.A.)
KRAKOWIAK.	Proceed to Plymouth with despatch through Q.Z.S. 278. (C. in C. Plymouth 1348/2 to KRAKOWIAK).
C. in C. H.F.	Intend sailing from Hvalfjord with VICTORIOUS, PENELOPE, and 6 destroyers at 1200Z B/4 to visit Akureyri and Seidis Fiord and then carry out operation E.J. on 8/10, arriving Scapa 10/10. (C. in C. H.F. 1507Z/2).

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Movements-Contd.

M.L. 1046.
M.L. 1069.
for
Mediterranean.

H.D.M.Ls. 1046 and 1069 can be shipped to Eastern Mediterranean in S.S. MARISO, due to arrive Clyde on 12/10. Request boats may be sailed accordingly. (D.D.O.D. C. 1659A/2 to C. in C. W.A.).

H.44.

At 2000A/4, intend to sail S.M. H.44 escorted by Netherlands T.B. Z5 from Rothesay to Londonderry arrive Lough Foyle 0800A/5. S. of A. 8 knots. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection. N.O.I.C. Londonderry is requested to sail H.50 escorted by Z5 to arrive Rothesay A.M./6. (Capt. S.7. 1746A/2).

0.10.
Z. 5.

My 1810A/30. Sailed 0.10 escorted by Z.5. E.T.A. 0930A/3. (N.O.I.C. Oban 1801A/2).

COMMANDANT DOMINE.
SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA.

COMMANDANT DOMINE to proceed to Aden to relieve SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA. When ready she should proceed to Freetown with next convenient O.S. Convoy thence independently to Aden via the Cape.
3. On relief SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA is to proceed to U.K. (A.C.N.S. F. 1828A/2).

Operations.

Interception of Enemy Force.

M.L's 181 (S.O), 180 and 160 are to patrol L.3 from 2200/2 to 0630/3. (2) M.L's 153 (S.O.), 159 and 270 are to patrol S.4 from 2200/2 to 0630/3. (3) 4 of 15th D.F. will patrol E.2 from 2200/2 to 0630/3. 1 aircraft patrolling South of Lizard Head. (4) Object of M.L. to report possible enemy minelayers. (C. in C. Plymouth 1506/2).
Situation at 2000/2.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1632/2).
Enemy vessels type unknown were sighted by Rame Head at 0056 /2, distance about 10 miles, bearing 240°, course East. They were last seen from Stoke Point at 0225/2 about 8 miles to the southward. Their object is not known.
(2). Minesweepers have not found any mines in their track. There are no convoys at sea.
(3) The object of our destroyers is to destroy any enemy force which may approach coast.
(4) Execution. KRAKOWIAK (S.O.) ATHERSTONE, BROCKLESBY, CLEVELAND are to patrol on line E.2 between 2200/2 and 0630/3. Motor launches will patrol L.3 and S.4 vide my 1506/2.
(5) Positions of above patrols are as follows.
(6) If not in contact with enemy at 0630/3 destroyers are to proceed as follows.

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Operations.

Interception of Enemy Force - Contd.

(7) Weather permitting 1 Hudson fitted A.S.V. will carry out a Triangular patrol from dusk between The Lizard 180°, the Lizard 30 135°, The Lizard 46. (C. in C. Plymouth 1654Z/2 to KRAKOWIAK, ATHERSTONE, BROCKLESBY, CLEVELAND).

Operation E.J.

Intend to carry out on 8/10.
(C. in C. H.F. 1507Z/2) See Movements.

50th M.L. Flotilla.

Request you will express to the S.O. 50th Motor Launch Flotilla and to the officers and ships' companies of M.L.S. 104, 103 and 101, my appreciation of the daring, good seamanship and good maintenance which made it possible to carry out 12 offensive operations in 14 days accurately and without incident or breakdown. (1st S.L. 1746A/2 to V.A. Dover).

M.T.B. Patrol. 4 E-boats sighted.

My 1144A/1. M.T.B. Patrol sighted nothing until, when returning at 0530A/2 in 098° Orfordness 37 miles, rear M.T.B. sighted vessel astern. Vessel turned North and was identified as "E" or "R" boat followed by three more. Report was made to M.G.B's but no contact followed. M.G.B. Patrol reports Ymuiden Harbour lights switched on when M.G.B's approached. No shipping in vicinity of Port. (C. in C. Nore 1916A/2).

British Air Activity.

Operation J.W. (Repatriation of Prisoners) 3/10 to 10/10. Prohibited Areas for A/C.

A.542 October 2nd. Reference Air Ministry letter S.65242/DF Ops. 28/9. During repatriation operations the following areas are prohibited for all aircraft operational or non operational for the period stated.
(A) Area of 10 miles radius from Dieppe from sunrise. (6-- G.M.T. on October 3rd) until sunset (1718 hours G.M.T. on October 10th).
(B) Corridor 20 miles wide centred on a line joining Dieppe and Newhaven daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset from October 5th until October 10th.
All aircrews to be warned that Dieppe and Newhaven harbours may be seen lighted during the period to facilitate embarkation and disembarkation of patients. (Air Ministry F.O.6 1012/2, 2245/3 to Air Commands).

Patrols.

"Hornli" now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1050/2).
During day 1/10 no operations took place. On Night 1/2 October. 4 A/C at Boulogne and 1 at Calais caused fires, and the docks at Dunkirk were also bombed. (H.Q.B.C. 1505/2)

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Enemy Air Activity.

STURDEE ROSE (British, 873 Tons) damaged.	Arrived STURDEE ROSE with unexplodedbomb in No. 2 hold. Details not yet available. (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1012/2).
Dover bombed.	Enemy aircraft dropped a few bombs in the Dover Area at about 2345 yesterday. Incendiaries caused a small fire in Citadel area. One H.E. bomb fell about 25 yards astern of M.G.B. 10 in 210° western entrance 4 miles, causing no damage or casualties. Another fell in the town causing damage to house property and four casualties. No damage to naval personnel or property. (V.A. Dover 1057A/2).
ANCRE ESPERANCE damaged on 1/10.	(A/P Trawler) Reports being machine gunned by single engined aircraft at 2300/1, 9 miles North of South Bishops. Superficial damage to ship. One casualty slightly wounded. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1125A/2).
SERENITY, (British, 557 Tons) damaged.	Attacked at 2400A/1 ten miles S.E. by E. St. Govans L/V. Several near misses and M.G. fire. Considerable damage in engine room. One man wounded. (N.O.I.C. Newport 1650A/2).

Mining.

Thames Estuary. 12 Mines detonated. M.M.S. 40 damaged.	11 S.A. mines and 1 magnetic mine detonated as follows on 1/10. Details. M.M.S. 40 damaged by Mine. Repairs will take 2 to 3 weeks. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1132/2).
Off Strumble Head on 26/9 and 28/9.	Definite ground mines have been exploded by A.Y. TYRANT in positions 52° 08' 30" N. 05° 07' 30" W. on 26/9, and 52° 02' N. 05° 23' W. on 28/9. No damage. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1226/2).

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Cross Channel Sweep.

BLYTH, ROTHESAY, EASTBOURNE, POLRUAN, BRIDLINGTON, RHYL, BUDE, BANGOR and SARGASSO of the 13th and 9th M.S. Flotillas have sailed to carry out a 100% sweep in an area of 4 miles each side of a line joining the following positions:-
(1) 50 41 24 N. 00 33 36 E.
(2) 49 59 00 N. 00 42 30 E. for a distance to the southward of 11 miles, sweeping the western 4 miles belt first. The two hospital ships will be routed along the centre line. Ships will anchor as convenient under the Lee of Beachy Head at dark and continue sweeping at daylight. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1247A/2).

Harwich.

Cancel my 1710/22/9. Port is open and normal conditions restored. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1344A/2).

Humber.

At 1125/2, one acoustic mine was detonated by Sweeper. Details. (F.O. Humber 1759A/2).

S.N. 16B.

Departure WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. (N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1935/2).

Tyne.

Tyne closed. Minelaying suspected. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 2132/2).

Enemy Intelligence.

Four Enemy Ships.

Ship sighted from Rame Head bore S. 15 W St. Mary's Point (or ? Stoke Point) at 0205. (C. in C. Plymouth 0206/2).
At 0220 2 ships bore 195° from St. Mary's Point and 2 others 250° from St. Mary's Point. (C. in C. Plymouth 0236/2) See Operations.
Enemy Ships of unknown type were sighted about 10 miles 240° from Rame Head at 0056/2 and 8 miles to Southward of Stoke Point at 0154/2.
(2) KINGSTON ANDALUSITE on loop patrol sighted 3 ships at 0140/2 which she believed to be destroyers.
(3) Search by CLEVELAND, 4 M.L's, and one aircraft failed to locate any reappear (?ance).
(4) Minesweepers have covered enemy track today, are in but have so far found nothing.
(5) Report indicates that there were probably 4 enemy ships in 2 groups but type cannot be established. Funnel smoke was observed when ships were first sighted. (C. in C. Plymouth 1958/2).

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Enemy Intelligence-Contd.

4 Enemy Cruisers off Helsingborg.

One large and 3 light German cruisers passed Helsingborg at 1020 hours going north. (B. Consul, Gothenburg 1130/2).
O.I.C. Comment:- The last two or three reports received from this source have either been incorrect or exaggerated as regards class of ship. It is considered this report should be graded B.4.

E-Boats.

4 E-boats sighted at 0530A/2 off Orfordness. See Operations.
Suspected E-boat activity T and N. E-boats are using a frequency of 41 megacycles per second. 5 E-boats have stopped engines N. (Nore W/T 2232A/2 to S.E.E.C.C.D.)
Indication E-boat 058° from T. (C. in C. Nore 2239A/2).

Navigational.

Fog.

Port of Harwich is closed owing to fog. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0916A/2).

Gabbard Buoys.

West Inner Gabbard, North Inner Gabbard, North Outer Gabbard Buoys withdrawn from station. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1524A/2).

Liverpool.

No W/T Beacon will be available from Bar Light Vessel for approximately two weeks from today. Request promulgation. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1651A/2).

Casualties and Defects.

WOLFHOUND (Bombed 3/9).

Departure WOLFHOUND in tow of tugs KROOMAN and IRISHMAN with M.L.s. 200, 197, 198 in company at 1210 to join F. S. 9 at H.3 buoy. (F.O. Humber 1222A/2).
On arrival of WOLFHOUND at Sheerness request you will arrange for ship to be berthed in a basin at Chatham Dockyard pending final decision as to action to be taken. (D.O.D. H. 1940A/2 to C. in C. Nore.)

NIGER.

My 1615/1. Further full speed trial has been carried out today in NIGER producing moderate (?heating) in stern glands for which no explanation can be given. Intend to sail her for Scapa at daylight 3rd and decision as to whether she is fit for operations will depend on the amount of heating developed on the passage. (N.O.I.C. Dundee 1429/2).

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Casualties and Defects-Contd.

BRIGHTON. — My 1850A/29. Work on BRIGHTON's boiler room fans cannot be completed until A.M. 4th. One boiler room, however can be completed by P.M. tomorrow and ship could proceed without the other. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1434A/2).

JAMAICA PLANTER. BURZA. — Your 1411A/2. BURZA will be available on completion of present duty. F.O.I.C. Cardiff is requested to issue necessary instructions and C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail BURZA to Milford Haven on completion. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1753A/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

Shipping and Convoys.

C.F.2. — Report your P.C. and S. now. (C. in C. W.A. 1008A/2 to CHESHIRE).

O.N. 21. H.X.152. — 1. O.N. 21 Escort 3 destroyers KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, SABRE, 2 corvettes SUNFLOWER, DIANELLA, 3 trawlers LADY ELSA, MAN O WAR, NORTHERN DAWN. 2. 30 ships. Commodore in BRITISH JUSTICE. 3. Same escort meets H.X. 152. (D.T.D. 1048Z/2 to Opnav).

H.X. 150. — Hearty congratulations in bringing in your convoy H.X. 150. (C. in C. W.A. 1051/2 to Rear Ad. Manners, R.N.R.)

O.N. 21. — Proceed to Reykjavik at best speed to fuel. You will be required to escort O.N. 21. (C. in C. W.A. 1115A/2 to ST. LAURENT).

P.Q.2. — Expect will leave Hvalfiord about 14/10. Ships to be included. Escorts. (A.C.N.S. H. 1346 A/2) See Lion Copy.

P.W.44. — Divert Convoy P.W.44 into Portland. Proceed to Plymouth with despatch by Q.Z.S. 278. (C. in C. Plymouth 1358/2 to ATHERSTONE).

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O.S.9. Following ships expect to complete loading with important military stores in time to sail in O.S.9. MADRAS CITY and REMBRANDT at Belfast for Middle East. CITY OF HEREFORD and CITY OF BARCELONA at Liverpool for Bandar Gulf and Basra. (D.T.D. 2045A/2).

S.C.46. Request you will sail 5th escort group less HYDRANGEA to meet S.C.46 as in Admiralty's 1520A/2. (C. in C. W.A. 2131A/2 to A.C.I.C.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

H.G.74
Escort.

My 1823/30. Intend two "F" class reinforce escort H.G. 74 for first 3 days. Only LEGION and one "F" class then available to screen Force H. (F.O. Force H. 0958A/2.)

Ponta Delgada.

Your 1626A/10. Portuguese authorities request not more than three Men-of-war should enter harbour at the same time.
(N.A. Lisbon 1104/2 to Adty.)

GURKHA,
ISAAC SWEERS,
W.S. 12.

Ref. Adty. 1626A/1. Request authority for GURKHA to fuel Ponta Delgada a.m./6. ISAAC SWEERS is being sailed direct, C.in C. W.A. 1820A/27/9 para. C. refers.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1238A/2 to Adty.)
Your 1238/2. GURKHA may fuel at Ponta Delgada in accordance with para.3 of A.M. 1626A/1.
2. Unless otherwise ordered by you GURKHA and ISAAC SWEERS should R/V Convoy W.S.12 in 36° N. 27° 30' W. a.m./7 in accordance with C.in C.W.A's 1821/27/9 para.C. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2010A/2 to F.O.C.N.A.)
E.T.A. at Ponta Delgada 0800A/6 will require about 180 tons of oil fuel. Request arrangements be made. (F.O.C.N.A. 2120/2 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)

LADY SHIRLEY.

F.O.C.N.A. 1810/1. Request arrangements be made at Las Palmas for fuelling armed trawler LADY SHIRLEY who has been employed towing damaged merchant vessel. Urgent consideration is now being given to replacement of fuel stocks at Las Palmas. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1336A/2 to N.A.Madrid, N.C.S.O. Las Palmas.)

Abuse of R/T by convoy escorts.

F.O.C.N.A. 1556Z/2 see U-Boat Campaign.

PORT CHALMERS,
CITY OF
PRETORIA.

My 1352/30 and 1202/30. PORT CHALMERS reports having engaged an E.boat at 2320/27 which was driven off by gunfire. At 0920/28 Cant 506B closed to within thirty yards and carefully examined ship but no attack developed. At 1554/28 Breda twenty circled ship at 1000 yards again no attack developing. No positions given. Otherwise clean run.

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North Atlantic.

PORT CHALMERS, CITY OF PRETORIA - contd.

3. CITY OF PRETORIA reports 0915/28 twin engined Italian aircraft closed and examined ship. At 1010/28 French three engine seaplane circled ship three times. At 1725/28 in 37 20 N. 7 30 E. ship attacked by 3 Italian Torpedo bombers. Torpedoes successfully avoided and one bomber damaged by gunfire. At same time submarine periscope sighted astern and shelled but no attack developed. At 0200/3 (?/30) when approaching Cape De Gata strange craft sighted on surface which fired two or three rounds possibly submarine. Otherwise clean run. (F.O.C.N.A. 1654A/2.)

U-Boats, mines. F.O.C.N.A. 1710A/2 to 0.21. See Mediterranean.

French Ships. Departure 1st COETLOGON Sete.
Arrival 1st ST. BRIEUC.
(Barcelona 1801/2.)

Spanish N. African supplies. Your 1814A/29. Considerable difficulty is experienced at times in meeting commitment of N.A. Station proper; as no further force from U.K. is to be available this additional commitment could only be met intermittently.
(ii) Consider intermittent interference better than nothing and might even successfully achieve our object.
(iii) Occasional use of Western Patrol Trawlers might be possible.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1832A/2 to Adty.)

Flag of S.O. Force H. My flag was transferred to RODNEY p.m./1.
(S.O. Force H. 2025A/2.)

Movements. Departure P.34. O.24, Q.B.52, B.B.208, B.C.328.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2200A/1.)

Fuelling at Ponta Delgada. Reference A.M.1626A/1. Portuguese authorities have requested that not more than three men of war should enter Ponta Delgada at the same time. Request you will allocate order of fuelling as between W.S.12 and S.L.88.
(A.C.N.S(F) 2221A/2 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/WALLFLOWER

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North Atlantic - contd.

WALLFLOWER.
NIGELLA.

Expected Ponta Delgada about 9/10 and will require about 170 tons of oil fuel and 30 tons of water each. (C. in C. W.A. 2334A/2 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)

ERIN.

My 1110/2. ERIN now report P.C. and S. 033° 02' 012° 01' 060° 9. (F.O.C.N.A. 2236A/2 to CLYDE.)

South Atlantic.

French shipping.

Graded A.1. COMPIEGNE arrived Reunion escorted by submarine.
2. SIKIANG arrived Tamatave escorted by warship and discharging 8000 tons coal.
3. Graded A.3. Eastbound convoy including VILLE DE VERDUN and VARELLA expected sail shortly. Further information expected.
(S.O.I. Capetown 1140B/2 to Adty.)

C.in C. S.A.

V.A. A.U. Willis C.B., D.S.O. assumed command of S.A. Station in succession to V.A. Sir Robert H.T. Raikes K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.
R.A.S.A.D. is requested to inform Ambassador and Minister in his area. (C. in C. S.A. 1200N, 1202N/2.)

GUARDIAN.

Your 1444/1 GUARDIAN will be ready to sail for Colombo 6/10. Intended programme. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown 1523Z/2 to C. in C.E.I.)

Air R/C of Dakar.

Reference your O.6 30/9. Signal further details of incident and confirm that pilots instructions forbid flying over French territory.
(H.Q.C.C. 1740/2 to O.C. R.A.F. Freetown.)

VIMY,
WILD SWAN.

Cancel my 1141/29/9 not to Admiralty. VIMY and WILD SWAN and (?are) to remain at Bathurst until further orders. (C. in C. S.A. 1943N/2 to VIMY, WILD SWAN.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Assistance to Turkey. Adty. 0125A/2. See Lion Copy.

Tobruk. C.A.F.O.587/40 para.4. (a) 2000/30/9 no cloud. (b) 5 aircraft moonlight 2nd quarter. (c) Combined bombing and minelaying. (d) 3 parachute mines in harbour southward self exploded 2 hours later. 2 parachute mines outside searched channel. 1 parachute mine exploded ashore. (e) to (k) Nil. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk 0947B/2.)

QUEEN OLGA. Following programme approved. Greek Destroyer -QUEEN OLGA will await arrival of COVENTRY at Aden and proceed in company with her to Bombay thence to Calcutta for refit. (C. in C. Med. 1010B/2.)

Enemy ships. 6 southbound merchant ships expected to leave Naples 2/10 time route speed unknown. Possible you may effect interception off Vito or Marittimo. (S.10 1015B/2 to UPRIGHT.)

Air Operations. Night 30 Sep./1 Oct. 13 Wellingtons attacked shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi. Several bombs fell near ships at Central and Outer Moles. Two small fires started on Moles. Day 1 Oct. 2 Blenheims carried out offensive R/C for shipping in Gulf of Sirte. No shipping observed. 1 Blenheim missing. 7 R/C sorties over Eastern Cyrenaica and Aegean Sea. Several small ships and 4 suspected submarines reported at Leros Island. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1117/2.)

UNIQUE. UNIQUE leaves Malta p.m./3 through 036° 30' 013° 30' to make passage through Q.B.B.65 following day, and departs from 038° 00' 011° 40' about 2000B/4 for Vito and Naples. URGE endeavour to -communicate by S.S.T. during daylight/4. Submarines encountered between 0001B/4 and 0001B/5 are not to be attacked. (S.10 1125B/2 to 10th S/M F.)

Reporting when Force H. is at Sea. Your 1122A/1. I am not always aware when S.O. Force H. is at sea. Propose therefore that F.O.C. N.A. should be responsible for S.O. Force H. seeing the Malta Combined service reports except on request of F.O.C. N.A. when I will assume responsibility. (N.O.I.C. Malta 1151B/2 to F.O.C.N.A. S.O. Force H.)

/DUILIO.

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Mediterranean - contd.

DUILIO. Intercepted letter states that French ship COLOMBIE returning from Syria with 1350 repatriates in company with French ship MASSILIA and ANDRE LEBON picked up 2 Italian sailors, survivors of Italian ship DUILIO sunk by the English. (C. in C. A.W.I. 11590/2.)

S/M sighted. For information. Submarine sighted off 032° 05' 020° 08' at 1010B/2nd. (Capt. S.1. 1201B/2 to PERSEUS.)

Enemy Intelligence. Analysis of photographs taken 24/9 and 25/9. (V.A. Malta 1230/2) See Lion Copy.

BRECONSHIRE. Your 1723A/30. Intend to defer reply for the present as BRECONSHIRE will in any case take some days to unload.
(?Should) Fleet regain freedom of movement into Central Med. BRECONSHIRE will certainly be required as seagoing oiler for destroyers.
Every facility for immediate movements will be governed by M.E. plans which are not yet sufficiently crystallised to enable a decision.
(C. in C. Med. 1256B/2 to Adty.)

VIRGILIO. (Italian hospital ship) northbound to Naples is not to be molested if encountered.
(Capt. S. 10 1526B/2 to 10th S/M F.)

Water Carriers. Your 0212/24. Requirements. (C. in C. Med. 1630B/2 to D.S.T.) See Lion Copy.

Control of Syrian Ports. Your 1413/24. Question of control of Syrian ports is still under amicable discussion and delay in settlement is chiefly a question of ensuring that legal aspects and the various conflicting interests are satisfied. Matter has been referred to miscellaneous legal advisers and also to Intendent General.
(ii) Kolb Bernard called on me on 23/9 and is now in Beirut where he and Captain Morse appear to be working well together.
(iii) Morse considers (?arrival) of VIKING and REINE DES FLOTS and also of Fuseliers Marins would be an advantage. I concur. (C. in C. Med. 1704B/2 to Adty.)

/U-boats

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Mediterranean - contd.

U-boats Mines.

(1) Some 9 U-boats may be at sea between Sicily and Sardinia.
(2) Report graded B.2 Mines are laid in Gulf of Oristano. (F.O.C.N.A. 1710A/2 to O.21.)
Consider that considerable number of U-Boats may be at sea now in South Tyrrhenean Sea and North East of Malta. Due to General movement of 10 S/M Flotilla S/Ms are not to be attacked at night except by URSULA and UNBEATEN who may attack S/Ms on opposite courses during return to Malta. (Capt. (S) 10 1717B/2 to 10th S/M F.)

PROTEUS.

Leave patrol p.m./4 and proceed through 034° 37' 022° 02' thence direct to arrive Alexandria sanctuary 0530B/9.
(Capt. S.1 1841B/2 to PROTEUS.)

PIQUERA.

Just received report:- PIQUERA loaded wheat oil and soap at Gijon called at Corcubion some 8 days ago for bunkers and left for Leixoes for orders cargo for Italy.
(Guyatt, Coruna 1940/2 to Adty.)

Co-operation with Turkey.

1st S.L. 2207A/2. No naval interest.

East Indies.

Unknown vessel.

Your 2033/12/8 (N.T.in W.D.). From number ? 12. At 2200Z/11 in 003° 10' S. 035° 06' W. course 127° challenged by unknown vessel which turned on 2 searchlights. After answering questions as to cargo and ports of destination no further incidents. (S.O.(I) Colombo 0816Z/2 to Adty.)

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China.

BERNARDIN DE ST.PIERRE. — Arrival. (Shanghai 2353Z/2.)

America and West Indies.

CINGALESE PRINCE. — (Br.) Due Trinidad 26/9 from Capetown not arrived. (S.O.(I) Jamaica 0033R/2.)

Angary by Vichy French. — B.A.D. Washington 1109R/2. See Lion Copy.

DUILIO. — C. in C. A.W.I. 1159Q/2. See Mediterranean.

A.D.B.2. — Adty. 1241R/2. See Lion Copy.

OWERA. — Leave Bermuda 3/10 and proceed Trinidad by most direct route (?via) Sombrero passage. Arrive Trinidad a.m./9. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1253Q/2 to OWERA.)

HAWAIAN SHIPPER. — Your 0415/2 (N.T.in W.R.) Re passage to Hampton Roads. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1303Q/2 to ORION.)

Task Force 15. — Task Force 15 my 2323/24 (N.T.in W.D.) E.T.A. off Cape Race morning/3. Dissolved there. NEW MEXICO, QUINCY, ANDERSON, HUGHES, SIMS, SAMPSON, OVERTON, TRUXTON, MACLEISH, BAINBRIDGE proceeding to Argentia. Destroyers with Comcrudiv 7 force which proceeded Iceland were MEREDITH, GWIN, MONSSEN GRAYSON. (Opnav 1510Z/2.)

Raider report. — Meter. U.S.N.A. Santiago de Chile reported to Navy Dep. on 1/10.
1. An unconfirmed report of a raider off Chilean Coast lat.47. Described as of 2500 tons, one stack painted black with white and blue-green camouflage paint bands, carried fast launches, a plane and an observation balloon. Guns concealed, number unknown. The raider fitted out in Japanese mandated island and was near Tristan da Cunha recently.

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America and West Indies.

Raider report contd.

2. A further vague report suggesting another possible raider seen at the same time lat. 51. (B.A.D. Washington 1517R/2 to C. in C. A.and W.I. R.A.S.A.D., N.A. Santiago de Chile, Admty.)
O.I.C. Comment. This appears to be another version of the report contained in N.A.Santiago's 1150/26/9, and should not be regarded as confirmatory.
N.A. Santiago referred to the ship as a "raider supply ship" and stated that she was supposed to be taking on supplies for the raider now operating in the Pacific.
It is quite possible that a supply ship would use this stretch of the Chilean Coast, but it is equally possible that the report is a mere rumour without foundation in fact. It is extremely unlikely that any raider has been "fitted out" at a Japanese mandated island.

S.S. POTLACH.

Your 0642A/2. Following is repetition my 1527R/28/9. U.S. Ship POTLACH due Trinidad 23/9 from Lourenco Marques not arrived. Ends.
(S.O.(I) Jamaica 1546R/2.)

Policy for Singapore Conference, Eastern Fleet.

Your 1459/23. One battle cruiser was not included in force in paragraph (iii) (c) of my 0337/22 because this force is the minimum which will be in Eastern Theatre on outbreak of war. REPULSE has not yet reached East Indies Station and although it is present intention to keep a battle cruiser on E.I. Station (vide para.V (b) circumstances may not always permit this. Battle cruiser should therefore be regarded only as probably available on the same basis as other forces mentioned in para.V of my 0337/22.
(V.C.N.S. 1757A/2 to B.A.D. Washington.)

CIRCASSIA, PRINCE HENRY.

My 10220/1 (Circulated as 00020/1) Amend time of R/V to read 1600Z/11. (C. in C. A.W.I. 21220/2 22120/2 to CIRCASSIA, PRINCE HENRY.)

Shipments of oil to Martinique.

Canadian Gov. request particulars of control of shipments of oil to Martinique and Guadeloupe and companies now supplying the oil in view of complaints received that Canadian Oil Companies are being discriminated against.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2211Z/2 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

Unknown Ship.

Intercept 0010 G.M.T. 500 kc/s. DE GQXT. SSSS 52.47 North 34.51 West steaming 180 speed 7 knots still in action.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 0111/2 to Admty.)
Following has been read:-
52.42 N., 34.51 W., torpedoed 0125/2 De GCK.
(Valentia Radio, T.O.R. 0245/2.)
0142 G.M.T. intercepted from Cape Race Radio begins: S S S S 52.42 N., 34.51 W., torpedoed again require assistance, signed O.I.C.
(Halifax N.S., 0144/2 to Admty.)

TUVA.

Lands End Radio reports:-
Intercept 0611 G.M.T. TUVA torpedoed in 54.16 N., 26.36 W 0607Z.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0713/2.)
TUVA, Dutch, 4652 tons, from Iceland to Tampa in convoy of 3 ships. (D.O.R., 3/10.)
Possible salvage TUVA. Have 34 survivors 1 missing.
(SAINT CROIX 0723Z/2 to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 1447 just received TUVA abandoned 0800Z. Master declares ship sinking salvage only possible by salvage tug. Water entering engine room. Corvette cannot return to scene before dark. Your 1037A 2nd have therefore not detailed corvette.
(SAINT CROIX 1406Z/2 to C. in C.W.A.)
Amend my 1037A/2 if nothing found by dark proceed with ZWARTE ZEE to assistance of TUVA, torpedoed in 54° 16 N., 26° 36'W at 0610Z/2. Corvette is standing by.
(C. in C.W.A., 1434A/2, to LEITH.)
Your 0723Z/2 ZWARTE ZEE escorted by LEITH is being sent. Detach one corvette to stand by TUVA until arrival of tug. Corvette to report name and to inform LEITH and C. in C.W.A., of any change in the situation.
(C. in C.W.A., 1447A/2 to ST. CROIX.)
Your 1406Z/2 detail one Corvette to stand by TUVA until arrival of tug.
(C. in C.W.A., 2111A/2 to ST.CROIX.)
My P.C. and S., 052°41' N., 027° 18' W., 018° 14.5 knots at 2130Z/2 have been detailed to stand by TUVA.
(EYEBRIGHT 2135Z/2. to C. in C.W.A.)
Am proceeding according to your 1434A/2. Position 047° 52' N., 021° 55'W., course 336 S. of A., 11 knots.
(LEITH 2200/2 to C. in C.W.A.)

/Search.....

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Ships Attacked. Contd.

Search for H.G.73. Survivors.

Catalina aircraft is due at 1300A/2 to cooperate. If nothing found by dark return with ZWARTE ZEE to base.
(C. in C.W.A., 1037A/2 to LEITH.)

S.L.87. Abuse of R/T by convoy escorts.

Reports are continually being received which indicate a very dangerous abuse of 2410 Kc/s R/T by convoy escorts.
BOREAS recently heard an H.G. convoy at a range of 700 miles. WILD SWAN heard S.L.87 at a range of 1250 miles FORESIGHT heard S.L.87 at more than 600 miles.
3. The majority of traffic intercepted is unnecessary chatter, and in some cases prejudicial to security.
4. DUNCAN heard BLACK SWAN asking for, and being given a convoy's position course and speed on 16/8/41.
5. An escort of S.L.87 reported a ship being torpedoed in a position given by table of lettered co-ordinates.
6. These are a few incidents out of many reports and it is clear enemy is making use of this lack of discipline to assist him in locating convoys.
7. Suggest the grave peril in using this line of communication promiscuously should be emphasised continually to Commanding Officers.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1556Z/2 to Adty.)

Submarines Reported.

2258 G.M.T/1. By D.F. Unreliable estimated 69° 25' 37° 52' probable enemy unit U Boat. Adty., pass to LONDON. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 0319C/2.)
Passed by W.R.

0026. By D.F. probable enemy unit U boat estimated in 68° 56 42° 52, Adty pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 0446C/2.) Passed by W.R.

1010 G.M.T. LIBERATOR reports submarine sighted 55° 50' N., 18° 18' W., course 190° Mag. at 1010 G.M.T.
(44 Group 1030/2, C. in C.W.A., 1237A/2 to ships in Area B.)

2305/1. By D/F 069°55'N., 039°38'E., unreliable fix. Admiralty pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1056C/2 to Adty.)

1010B. Sighted 32° 5' N., 20° 8' E.
(Capt. S.1. 1201B/2.)

/1019Z...

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Submarines Reported. Contd.

1019Z. By D/F in 068° 59' 041° 53' reliable fix Adty., pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1339C/2.)
Passed to LONDON by W.R.

1416. By D/F in 068° 55' 042° 52' Adty., pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1809C/2.)
Action taken by War Registry.

Estimated U/B Dispositions.
German. Considerable movement has taken place probably as result of convoy being sighted possible S.C.46.
(D.D.I.C. 1452A/2.)

Submarine situation 3/10.
(Unknown 2110/2 to Opnav, Cinclant.)

1834. By D/F in 068° 45' 042° 48' Adty., pass to LONDON.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 2236C/2.)
Note:- Being passed by W/R to LONDON.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Enemy coastal batteries fired 16 rounds between 1138 and 1150 today at 9 Trawlers exercising about 5 miles off Dover. Owing to low visibility the Trawlers were not visible from the enemy's coast. Shooting was good, but only splinter damage was caused and no casualties are reported.

Enemy Supply Ship.

At 1804 C.S.10 (KENYA) sighted a supply ship with U-boat in 45° 41' N. 24° 34' W. The supply ship attempted to escape to the south-eastward and was sunk by KENYA by gunfire in 43° 36' N. 24° 30' W. at 1909.

Operation J.W.

Repatriation of prisoners of war by hospital carriers ST.JULIEN and DINARD, which was due to commence tomorrow, was postponed as final agreement has not been reached with the German Government. The hospital carriers anchored off Newhaven with lights on tonight.

Russian S/M MOLODKI class 176 whilst on patrol off Kirkenes hit with torpedo and probably sank a 5000 ton northbound vessel in escorted convoy.

Air Operations.

Operation J.W.

During the operations for repatriation of wounded prisoners of war the following areas are prohibited for all aircraft, operational and non-Operational for the period stated :-
(a) Area of 10 miles radius from Dieppe from Sunrise/3 to Sunset/10.
(b) Corridor 20 miles wide centred on a line joining Dieppe and Newhaven daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset from 7/10 to 10/10.
Dieppe and Newhaven harbours may be seen lighted during the period.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

British Air Operations.

5 aircraft attacked the GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST at Brest last night.

6 Blenheims attacked targets at Ostend today.

8 Hurricanes attacked with cannon fire this morning an enemy convoy of 7 Flakships and a merchant vessel off Gravelines. One Flakship was sunk, 3 on fire and the remaining 3 damaged. The merchant vessel was left in flames.

Enemy Air Operations.

Enemy aircraft again reconnoitred the Faeroe Islands this afternoon. Two whalers were bombed at Kvalvig, but were not hit.

Convoy E.C.81 was bombed at 1959 in 52° 38' N. 2° 9' E. No damage is reported.

This morning DEVONSHIRE, escorting W.S.12 sighted a F.W. aircraft about 400 miles west of Achill Head and the Catalina aircraft escorting O.G.75 engaged another F.W. 345 miles W. by N. of Achill Head, and later in the forenoon the Hudson escorting S.L.87 attacked F.W. 225 miles west of Achill Head.

S.S. SKERRIES was attacked six times about 2200 today, some 12 miles east of Malin Head and was slightly damaged.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Operation S.N.16 B.

WELSHMAN and MANXMAN laid mines today off the East Coast.

3 M.Ls patrolled last night S.E. of the Start and 3 South of the Lizard, and 4 destroyers (KRAKOWIAK, ATHERSTONE, BROCKLESBY and CLEVELAND) 10 miles south of the Eddystone. The motor launches were to report possible enemy minelayers.

The Tyne was opened at 1326.

The Humber was closed at 2206A owing to aircraft minelaying. Several mines were detonated.

Further magnetic mines were detonated in the Harwich area today.

An old contact mine was cut 14 miles S.W. of Portland Bill today and a magnetic mine was detonated off the Manacles.

North Atlantic.

Netherlands S/M O.21 torpedoed and sank a laden eastbound French ship, probably S.S.ARAGAZ (5009 tons) in 40° 58' N. 9° 59' E. at 1232 today.

Mediterranean.

HUNTS.

Two HUNT class destroyers have now reached C. in C. Med. Two have left Gibraltar. A further two will leave U.K. about the end of this month and another two about the end of November.

Enemy trade with Spain and French N. Africa.

It appears that the enemy is developing an important trade in ores and phosphates from Spain and French North Africa. These cargoes are carried under French or Spanish flags to Caronte near Marseilles when they are landed and are either railed to Germany and Italy or transhipped to Italian ports. The Adty. have suggested that S/M operations against the shipping concerned, should be carried out with the established sink at sight zones, in which any Spanish ships may now be attacked; and that raiding operations should be undertaken against the Italian coast railway.

/8 Blenheims

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean - contd.

8 Blenheims from Malta today successfully bombed the power station, Munition Factory and Railway sidings and engine sheds at Marina di Catanzaro, a railway junction on the south coast of Calabria.

Libya and Western Desert.

19 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi last night, obtaining direct hits on a 4000 ton wreck at the outer mole. 2 Wellingtons bombed Bardia.

GEBEL KEBIR was slightly damaged in an air raid on Mersa Matruh p.m. today.

Enemy aircraft twice bombed Tobruk last night. H.M. Trawler THORBRYN was sunk in 32° 4' N. 24° 9' 15" E.

Cyprus.

About 5 enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Cyprus early last night. Slight damage was caused to Limassol Aerodrome.

America and West Indies.

U.S. Cruiser TRENTON left Balboa today to patrol in the Galapagos area until 25/10.

MOST SECRET.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

It is reported in the Press, that the U-Boat (said to be U.570) which surrendered in the Atlantic on 27/8 was brought into port today by a British crew.

S.B.N.O. Murmansk reports that he has received 25 U-boat reports since 3/9, all except 3 by D/F in the White Sea and Approaches. He has urged that the Admiral at Archangel should be more energetic. The latter states there are only 2 destroyers at Archangel. S.B.N.O. Murmansk suggests they should be based at Iokanskie.

The U.S.A. authorities have information that 6 U-boats are at present in the Caribbean Sea to procure provisions and oil. U.S. aircraft searched the area from 4/10.

MOST SECRET

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HOME COMMANDS.

Co-operation with Russia.

Items of Armament requested by Russia.

Your 1437A/1. Suggest consideration to following important demands.
(Ad. Miles, 1058/3 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

2 Transports torpedoed on 2/10 by S/M. 171.

MOLODKI class 171 arrived 3/10 having torpedoed two vessels estimated 5000 and 3000 tons alongside in Petsamo. On information that 2 transports had arrived Petsamo on 1/10 171 contrary to orders entered the harbour on 2/10 and sighted vessels alongside quay. 2 loud explosions heard after firing. Sub. was caught in new laid net on way out and was two hours extricating herself during which time 22 to 24 depth charges dropped close. Escape finally made at 230 feet by going full speed.
(B.S.N.O. Murmansk, 1730C/3.)

Movements.

INDOMITABLE.

The following working up programme for INDOMITABLE has been approved.
2. It is intended that practices should be carried out as follows.
(A.C.N.S. H., 0005A/3.)
Clyde arrival INDOMITABLE.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1904/3.)

GRAPH.

Arrived GRAPH escorted by SALADIN.
(N.O.I.C. Barrow, 0904A/3.)

ECLIPSE.

Only destroyer at Scapa is ECLIPSE who will be ready to sail for special service on completion of defect p.m./5th.
(R.A.D. H.F., 1009A/3.)

H.32.

Your 1551A/29. Intend chasseur to meet H.32 at R/V 0700/7 and escort to Sheerness.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1043A/3.)
Your 1043A/3. It is desirable that arrival of H.32 at Sheerness should coincide with days on which channel from North Foreland to Sheerness is swept.
Request you will arrange for H.32 to proceed to Portsmouth to await C.E. convoy probably sailing from Portsmouth on 10 or 11/10.
(C. in C. Nore, 2320A/3.)

/French S/M.....

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements - Contd.

French S/M. — Cancel my 1456/2, 1838/2, 1858/2. French S/M and escort exercising South West of Plymouth Area C. from 1530/3.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1130/3.)

DRAUG (M.T.B.56) — Proceed passing Switha 1930 today to Lerwick passing East of Orkneys. Adjust speed to arrive 0700/4.
(2) On arrival complete with coal and await further orders keeping steam one hours notice.
(3) On receipt of information concerning position of M.T.B.56 you will be required to proceed to intercept and escort her to Lerwick or Scapa. Air escort will be arranged.
(R.A.D. H.F., 1130A/3 to DRAUG.)

LONDON. — Archangel. LONDON arrived.
(LONDON, 1532A/3.)

6 M/S Trawlers for abroad. — On completion of working up M/S Trawlers EARL KITCHENER, GASTON RIVIERE, MAGNOLIA, POLO NORTE, POST BOY, ROSEMONDE should be sailed to the Clyde whence they will be sailed abroad.
(D.M.S., 1550A/3, 1551A/3.)

BURRA. — Sailed A/S Trawler BURRA additional escort to convoy O.S.8 on 3/10 for Freetown in accordance with A.M. 1402/15/5 and for onward routeing to Mediterranean via Cape, breaking off to coal Fayal and at Bathurst if necessary. Approximate E.T.A. Fayal 12/10.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2304A/3.)

HYDRANGEA. — Sailed in accordance with your 2125A/2 at 1815.
(A.C.I.C., 2350/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

Operations.

Operation E.J. — Intend to sail from Hvalfiord in KING GEORGE V with VICTORIOUS, PENELOPE, and 6 destroyers on 4/10.
(2) KING GEORGE V and 3 destroyers will visit Akureyri on 5/10 and Seidisfiord on 6/10.
(3) Force will carry out operation E.J. on 8/10 and then return to Scapa.
(C.in C. H.F., 1015Z/3.)

/TRIDENT.....

HOME COMMANDS.

Operations - Contd.

TRIDENT report. One 1000-ton M/V. sunk.

TRIDENT arrived. All torpedoes expended. Following two attacks on 23/9 and 30/9. Both missed. At 0046C/27 in Rolysoy Sound fired 6 torpedoes at 2 ships Eastbound. One hit on one ship 1000 tons. Ship probably sunk, boats loaded with survivors seen. Hunted for 2 hours after attack. 11 charges dropped.
(2) Eastbound convoy 6 or more ships, heavily escorted, passed South Silden Island and up St. Jern Sund on 28/9.
Shipping using closest inshore route and generally proceeding (? singly) with surface and air escort and making use dark hours. Surface and air escort increased.
(3) Defects. Bow slightly damaged due to striking submerged rock in thick fog when at 60 feet on 24/9. TRIDENT estimated non-operational until 25/10 depending upon date of receipt of torpedoes.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1029C/3.)

East Coast Patrols.

Weather permitting one unit of M.T.B's is to carry out a patrol to-night between Flushing and Hook of Holland. Surface vessels met east of 2° 30' E. may be attacked without challenge.
(C. in C. Nore, 1230A/3 to BEEHIVE.)
Departure M.T.Bs. 18 and 14.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1809A/3.)
Patrols tonight.
(1) 2 M.G.Bs. in vicinity of South Leman Buoy.
(2) 2 M.G.Bs. in the vicinity of 52° 55' N. 2° 30' E.
(3) 2 M.T.Bs. return to Harwich from Eastward at daylight.
(C. in C. Nore, 1809A/3.)

Trawlers shelled.

Enemy coastal batteries fired 16 rounds between 1138 and 1150 today at 9 Trawlers exercising about 5 miles off Dover. Owing to low visibility Trawlers were not visible from enemy coast. Shooting was good, but only splinter damage received and no casualties reported.
(V.A. Dover, 1326A/3.)

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New M/S Patrol.

Reference C. in C. Nore's No. 25/331J/41.
Propose commencing new M/S patrol between Aldeburgh and B.8. on 6/10.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1436A/3.)
Concur with F.O. i/c Harwich 1436A/3/10.
(C. in C. Nore, 2221A/3 to Admty.)

Operation J.W.

Two Hospital Carriers with lights on anchored off Newhaven proceeding to southward at 0500/4.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1453A/3.)
Latest information from military operation J.W. postponed indefinitely. After consultation with them following arranged. Prisoners are being kept onboard DINARD in Harbour under heavy guard to avoid anchoring carriers outside with light on. Vessels are being kept darkened in Harbour. Newhaven is being treated in all respects as prior to J.W. arrangements.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven, 2035/3 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Until final agreement is reached with German Government ST. JULIEN and DINARD are not to leave Newhaven Harbour. It is now known that operation will not commence tomorrow.
2. Lights are not to be shown at Newhaven.
(D.O.D. H., 2047A/3 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

AURORA. (Iceland - Faroes Patrol.)

Unless other orders are received proceed from Hvalfiord a.m./4th to carry out patrol west of the Iceland Faroes (Southern Area). Object to intercept enemy surface vessels particularly westbound.
(ii) Leave patrol to arrive Scapa p.m./8th.
(C. in C. H.F., 1744Z/3 to AURORA.)

Supply Ship sunk.

C.S.10, 1915A/3, 1916A/3. See U-Boat Campaign.
(U-Boats reported.)

British Air Activity.

On day 2/10 no operations were completed.
On night 2/3, five A/C attacked GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST at Brest. Results unobserved.
(H.Q.B.C., 1241/3.)

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British Air Activity - Contd.

Operation J.W.

A.653 3/10. Reference Air Ministry signal A.542 dated 2nd Oct. (Air Min. 1012/2), para. (B). For October 3rd read October 5th. (Air Ministry 2245/3.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Dover bombed.

Enemy aircraft attacked Dover at 1945, 2130, and 2315 yesterday, dropping about 25 bombs in all, most of which fell in area around Granville Dock and Coastal Force Base. Hawksfield's Coal dump set on fire but quickly extinguished. Considerable damage to house property. One bomb caused some damage to windows and ceiling in W.R.N.S. Hostel and LYNX Officers Mess. One bomb believed unexploded in yard near Southern Railway workshop. No damage to ships or coastal craft. Naval and civilian casualties.
(V.A. Dover, 0941A/3.)

DEVONSHIRE sighted.

Sighted by F.W. 53° 20' N. 21° 12' W.
(DEVONSHIRE, 0945A/3.)

Off Iceland.

One enemy A/C course 150°. Have engaged. My position is 061° 43' N. 013° 54'W. D.R.
(MULLION, 1310A/3.)

SUNFISH.

My 1433A/24. SUNFISH has been seriously damaged in an air raid. Intend to sail SEALION in her place leaving Portsmouth about 21/10.
(F.O.S., 1509A/3, to S.B.N.O. Murmansk.)

Faroes.

One or more enemy A/C carried out extensive R/C of Faroe Islands today between 1320 and 1525. Faroese Whalers FALKUR and CHRISTOVAN RIBEANDO lying at Kvalvig attacked, but all bombs missed. No casualties or other incident reported.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 1635A/3.)

Convoy E.C.81.

Enemy A/C bombing convoy "Usage" in 52° 38' N. 2° 9' E. course 018°, speed 7 knots.
(WOLSEY, 1959/3.)

Off Cromer.

Save crew in Rubber boat position 52° 57' N. 02° 25' E.
(Ouessant Radio Recd. 2028/3.)

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Mining.

Thames Estuary.	2 S.A. mines detonated on 2/10 as follows. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1021/3.)
Humber.	Confirmation of minelaying. B. Humber 62c buoy. One. Unknown. (D.M.S., 1221A/3 to Air Ministry.) Humber is closed owing to Aircraft minelaying. Anticipated opening 1000 to-morrow. (F.O. Humber, 2206A/3.)
Portland.	Mine cut in about 50° 24'30" N. 02° 47' W. Sweepers searching vicinity. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 1255/3.)
Tyne.	My 2132/2. Tyne open. Intend to sweep again at 1600 today. Ships to keep to centre line QZS 124. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1326/3.)
Harwich Area.	One green mine detonated at 1120 in 51° 44.7' N. 1° 02.7' E. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1434A/3 and 1913A/3.)
Firth of Forth.	Vessels operating S.A. gear may proceed at speeds in excess of 9 knots in searched channels between Inchkeith East Gate Vessels and a line Elieness - Fidra. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1449/3 and 1840/3.)
Off Manacles.	Red magnetic mine detonated at 1450/3 in 50° 06'17" N. 05° 02'08" W. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth, 1946/3.)
S.N.16B.	Arrival WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. (N.O.I.C. Port ZA., 2228/3.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Intelligence.	Various, connected with Norway. (N.A. Stockholm, 1249/3) See Lion Copy.

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Enemy Intelligence - Contd.

Force in The Sound. LEIPZIG.

Consul Gothenburg's 1130/2. Further amplification establishes large cruiser as probably LEIPZIG and other three as torpedo craft. Graded B.2.
(N.A. Stockholm, 1637/3.)

Navigational.

Smiths Knoll Buoy.

Smiths Knoll Buoy Light reported extinguished. Report confirmed.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1103A/3)
(Hydrographer, 1636A/3.)

Iceland.

Possibility of improving navigational aids on East Coast of Iceland has been examined. Observations and proposals. Request your remarks.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1559A/3.)
See Lion Copy.

Casualties and Defects.

NIGER.

Heat referred to in your 1429/2 October has become excessive after 6 hours running. E.T.A. Dundee 1630.
(NIGER, 1250/3.)

WOLFHOUND (Bombed 3/9)

Sheerness for Chatham arrival WOLFHOUND in tow tugs KROOMAN and IRISHMAN at 1325.
(C. in C. Nore, 1424A/3.)

PICTOU.

PICTOU has badly perforated main inlet pipe. Main inlet valve is leaking. Temporary repairs are being carried out. Ship will proceed to Reykjavik at 0730 to-morrow.
(HECLA, 1526Z/3.)

TORY ISLAND (Grounded 27/9.)

My 2310/27/9. Vessel refloated 1415/3 and proceeding Montrose under own steam.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1710/3.)

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CULVER. LANDGUARD. — C. in C. W.A. 2321A/27. Impossible to complete CULVER until tomorrow. Defect has developed on main machinery of LANDGUARD. Exact extent not known but will delay ship for some days. (F.O.I.C. London, 1752/3.)

Convoy E.C.81. VIVACIOUS. — My wheel is jammed. Am endeavouring to keep in channel. (VIVACIOUS, 2183/3.)
Steering gear cannot be repaired under 3 hours. Request instructions. (VIVACIOUS, 2230A/3 to HOLDERNESS.)

Shipping and Convoys.

DUCHESS OF BEDFORD. — Due Liverpool probably 8/10 has following personnel on board.

Military	342
R.A.F.	290
Naval	76
Civilians	13
Free French	3
Mercantile Marine	56
D.B.S.	21
Internees	3
German prisoners	42
Total	846

2. Total cargo on board 1722 tons deadweight. Details as follows.
3. Ship requires fumigation and drydocking to fit new rudder. Request you arrange. (D.S.T., 0732A/3 to D.S.T.O. Liverpool.)

SOBIESKI. — Due Clyde probably 8/10 has following personnel on board.

R.N.	274
Military	15
R.A.F.	84
Mercantile Marine	86
D.B.S.	102
Civilians (Belgian)	1
Total	562

2. Total cargo on board 2011 tons deadweight. Details as follows. (D.S.T., 0733A/3.)

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O.N.S.21. Sailed BITTERSWEET, CHILLIWACK, TRAIL, SNOWBERRY, COLLINGWOOD in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1131A/2.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 0848A/3.)
My 0848A/3. SNOWBERRY having returned sailed again.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1930A/3.)

Atlantic Routes. Amendment No.37 to Admty. 0001/1/5.
See Summaries Folder.

SATELLITE. Supt. Trinity House submits following programme for T.H.V. SATELLITE.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 1530A/3.)

H.X.150. Met as arranged, three stragglers. All now arrived except NIGARISTAN which caught fire, crew taken off by U.S.S. EBERLE.
(D.T.D., 1554A/3 to Opnav.)

P.Q.2. Your 1346A/2. If BRAMBLE, SPEEDY, and SEAGULL have received extra warm clothing they could escort P.Q.2. from Clyde instead of assembling at Scapa.
(C. in C. H.F., 1748Z/3.)

S.C.44. Met as arranged. Average weather. T.J. WILLIAMS, EMPIRE BURTON, PINK STAR and BARBRO torpedoed in about 35° W. Remainder now arrived.
(D.T.D., 1814A/3 to Opnav.)

W.S.12. Revised escort arrangements (a) My 1821A/27. BLANKNEY, STANLEY proceed Ponta Delgada when relieved to fuel and await orders (b) My 1625A/2. VERITY, WITCH, LANCASTER, NEWARK meet RESOLUTION (c) My 1144A/3. BEVERLEY, BRIGHTON meet CHESHIRE.
(C. in C. W.A., 1840A/3 to DEVONSHIRE.)

P.Q.1. Following stores for you have been sent in Convoy P.Q.1.
2. Please pass to S.T.O. Archangel.
(D.O.D. H., 1937A/3 to S.B.N.O. Murmansk.)

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Instructions contained on slip attached to your route orders for Belfast are incorrect and should be removed. The anchorages in Belfast Lough are normally open to vessels arriving in Convoy whether by day or night.
(D.T.D., 2020A/3 to N.C.S.O. Sydney, C.B.)

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North Atlantic.

VIOLET. — VIOLET arrived Ponta Delgada 1000 G.M.T./3. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1010/3).

VERVAIN. — Arrived and left arrival 2nd. (Consul Las Palmas, 1015/3).

Enemy Trade. — A.C.N.S. (F) 1048A/3 See Mediterranean.

Reporting when S.O. Force H is at sea. — Your 1151/2/10 concur. (V.A.C.N.A., 1237A/3 to V.A. Malta).

GURKHA. — My 1238A/2. Departure GURKHA. (F.O.C.N.A., 1248A/3).

Escort of H.G.74. — My 0030/2 not to all addressees. On relief by ROCKINGHAM, DUNCAN at 0800A/6 FORESIGHT, FORESTER are to sweep back along convoy route for 4 hours then proceed to Gibraltar direct adjust speed to arrive 1200/7. (F.O.C.N.A., 1342A/3).

S.S. LE TRAIT, (French). — Departure 2nd from Viana to Lisbon with cargo of box board 300 tons and railway sleepers destination believed to be Casablanca. (R.O. Oporto 1529/3).

S/Ms passing through Straits. — My 1532A/26/8. Another Italian submarine passed through from Atlantic to Mediterranean on 28/8 or 29/8. Probably 10 have passed from West to East since the end of August. (F.O.C.N.A., 1644A/3 to C.O.S. Alexandria).

MARON. — Assume U one and V one patrol. (F.O.C.N.A., 1654A/3 to MARON).

AURICULA. — Arrived Ponta Delgada 1815 G.M.T./3. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1728/3).

/A/C flying.....

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

A/C flying over Spain.

Aircraft from AUDACITY flew over La Linea when landing at Gibraltar. AUDACITY has not got SD 158 (3) appendix B on board and therefore no warning was issued to Pilots previous to landing.
(2) Request all Aircraft carriers escorting Gib., convoys may be given necessary information as Aircraft flying over Spain causesmuch trouble.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1826A/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

French Ships.

Gibraltar 1740/3 Minesweeper LA GRACIEUSE ships IMERETHIE II, ALGERIE, GRAND QUEVILLY, BRESTOIS all full eastbound.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar 2043A/3 to Admty, C. in C. Med).

Fuelling at Ponta Delgada.

Reference Admiralty 2221A/2. To avoid having more than 3 ships in the Azores at one time the following arrangements for fuelling at Ponta Delgada

Name of Ship.	Entry into Territorial Waters.	Exit from Territorial Waters.
HARTLAND	1000 5	1800 5
GURKHA	0800 6	1500 6
ENCHANTRESS	0800 6	1500 6
WALNEY	0800 6	1500 6
ROYAL ULSTERMAN	1700 6	0800 7.
STANLEY BLANKNEY	0800 8	1600 8.

(F.O.C.N.A., 2320A/3 to GURKHA, DEVONSHIRE, ENCHANTRESS, WALNEY, HARTLANT, ROYAL ULSTERMAN. and 2324A/3 to N.A. Lisbon, N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada B.C. Horta).

Fuelling at Horta.

BARSTOKE is to detail B.D.V's to fuel Horta as follows:-

Name of Vessel.	Entry into Territorial Waters.	Exit from Territorial Waters.
BARSTOKE	1700 6	0800 7
BARONIA	1700 6	0800 7
CONSBRO	1000 7	1800 7
BARBOUR	1000 7	1800 7
GRAF VAN VLANDEREN	1000 7	1800 7.

BARSTOKE is to alter above order of fuelling of B.D.V.'s if circumstances necessitate it.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2323A/3 to BARSTOKE and 2324A/3 to B.N.A. Lisbon, N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, B.C. Horta)

EAGLE and escort.

Your 2004N/3. Yes. My 1702A/3 (N.T. in W.D.) refers. (F.O.C.N.A., 2327A/3 to C. in C. S.A.)

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GARLAND, PIORUN. — Following received addressed F.O.C.N.A. from C.S.18. C. in C. W.A's 1144/3 received on arrival at position "James". GARLAND and PIORUN will have five and four days steaming respectively remaining at 11½ knots speed of advance. T.O.O. 1602Z/3. Ends.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2354A/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

South Atlantic.

A/C R/C of Dakar. — Captain of Sunderland C/204 ordered by Controller Bathurst to look for oil fire at Dakar reported 28/9.
Intention of Controller this R/C be undertaken by Binoculars from (?Ship) out to sea.
Pilot considered order meant close R/C which he carried out with marked efficiency at 50 feet.
It is confirmed that Pilots instructions forbid flying over French Territory.
(Combd. Ops. Room Freetown 1030/3).

MENDENAU, (Dutch). — Diverted Freetown due 29/9 not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1034N/3).

Tankers B.D.V.s. — My 2135/2. (N.T. in W.D.) Destinations trawlers for Lagos ?B.D.Vs. for Takoradi.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1103N/3 to Admty).

DORSETSHIRE, EAGLE. — Arrival 3/10 DORSETSHIRE, EAGLE, BRIDGEWATER, CALENDULA, ARMERIA. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 1205N/3)

Force F. — DORSETSHIRE and EAGLE will cease to form force F as from 0800Z/4. (C. in C. S.A., 1447N/3).

SULOIDE, NORTELOIDE. — SULOIDE under Brazilian flag ex German S.S. MACEIO, sailed from Bahia for Rio de Janeiro.
(N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1601Z/3)
NORTELOIDE, ex German BOLLWERK also left Bahia for Rio under Brazilian flag. (D.S. 761, 5/10)

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St. Helena. — My 0900/23 para 1. Fortress supplies for 30 days (?have been) re stocked by N.O.I.C. Simonstown. (O.C. Troops, St. Helena, 1708/3 to C. in C. S.A.)

EALGE and escort. — Your 0918/1/10 (N.T. in W.D.) Para 3. Are arrangements in my 1733/29/9 concurred in. (C. in C. S.A., 2004N/3 to F.O.C.N.A.)

? — My 2109/30 (N.T. in W.D.) for CYCLAMEN September 1941 read CLEMATIS July 1941. (C. in C. S.A., 2101N/3 to Admty).

GAZCON. — Request you arrange to shift GAZCON to Freetown with Naval crew in order that she may be manned and despatched to U.K. before she fouls up. Governor Nigeria has been requested to expedite prize court proceedings. Inform M.W.T.R. (Admty., 2110A/3 to C. in C. S.A.)

Prisoners of war in CILICIA. — Following prisoners of war in CILICIA three Italian Officers from STELLA (See CIRCASIA's 2000/14/6) fifteen German Officers from ERLANGEN (See R.A.S.A.D.'s 1303/12/8. (C. in C. S.A., 2127N/3 to Admty).

ANCHUSA. — Return to Lagos forthwith. (C. in C. S.A., 2137N/3 to ANCHUSA).

Mediterranean.

HANS SCHMIDT (German). — Departure Maganon 29/9 not approved as probably destination Genoa. (Cartagena, 0407/3 to D. of S.T.)

UNIQUE. — F.O.C.N.A. 1506/29 to C. in C. Med., and my 1115/B one. UNIQUE has orders to attack any S/M encountered S.E. of line Marittimo - Capri. (Capt. (S) 10. 0950B/3 to Capt. (S) 8) (N.T. in W.R) Cancel my 1125B/2 and 1115B/1. UNIQUE will not be leaving Malta 3/10. (Capt. (S) 10 1652B/3 to Capt. (S) 1, Capt. (S) 8).

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OSIRIS, defects. Captain (S) 10 1843B/4 although OSIRIS completed passage Malta to Alexandria (?without) any main engine defects on her last short 10 days patrol considerable trouble was experienced. Vessel is not fit for service or for any but a short passage until defects have been made good. Owing to pressure of other work these repairs cannot be undertaken by MEDWAY. Request instructions. (Capt. (S) 1, 1043B/3 to C. in C. Med., A.S. Alexandria).

Spanish Ships to be sunk. A.T. 0108/11/6 Para 1. In the first sentence delete all words after Sunk. Any Spanish ship navigating within the "Sink at Sight" zone defined in A.M. 2021/20/2, 2204/23/4 and 2247/15/5 can now be attacked at sight.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 1047A/3 to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. Med).

Enemy trade with Spain and French N. Africa. From information available in M.E.W. it appears that the enemy is developing important trade in ores and phosphates from Spain and French North Africa. These cargoes are carried under the French or Spanish flags to Caronte near Marseilles where they are landed either for railing to Germany and Italy or for transhipment to Italian ports.
2. It is realised that under present circumstances little can be done to interfere, but operations of the following types appear possible when forces are available.
(a) S/M Operations against the shipping concerned, within established sink at sight zones.
(b) Raiding operations against the Italian coast railway.
3. All information available here concerning this trade and the ships involved both in this and in other enemy traffic in this area is being sent to you. Attention is drawn to para. 5 of A.T. 2021/20 Feb.
4. Additional information concerning vulnerable points on the Italian coast railway is also being forwarded.
5. Certain information concerning British Allied and neutral shipping now under Vichy control is also becoming available and will be sent to you. There is evidence that certain ex-Allied ships have been transferred to the enemy.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 1048A/3 to F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. Med.,)

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P.34 — Adjust speed to dive in the vicinity 038° 00' -011° 44' to make passage through QBB 65 during daylight/7 thence from 037° 15' 012° 55' direct via N.W. searched channel to arrive Marsamxett before 1930B/8 or at 0700B/9. (V.A. Malta, 1110B/3 to P.34).

Benghazi bombed. — Night 1/2 7 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour bombs bursting on Juliana, Cathedral, Central and Outer Moles one direct hit on heavy A.A. gun battery further details, damage unobserved. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1118/3).

CITY OF CALCUTTA and ROWALLAN CASTLE damaged. S.S. AJAX in collision. — Transport CITY OF CALCUTTA and ROWALLAN CASTLE collided on passage to Malta. Moderate damage to ships necessitating dry docking and repairs to both ships estimated time very approx., 8 weeks in each case. Propose also to dock DUNEDIN STAR, CLAN FERGUSON, CITY OF LINCOLN all due. S.S. AJAX collided with PRINCESS BEATRIX also on passage superficial damage to boat and upper deck. (D.S.T.O. Malta, 1220B/3)

Hunts for Med., Fleet. — Your 1339/23. Two Hunts have now reached you. Two have left Gibraltar. A further two will leave U.K. about end of October and another two about end of November. (1st S.L. 1220A/3 to C. in C. Med).

Marina di Catanzaro bombed. — P.M./3 8 Blenheims attacked the Power Station, Munition Factory and Railway Sidings and Engine Sheds Maries (?Marina) di Catanzaro Calabria Railway Junction total weight bombs 7500 lbs low level direct hits on all targets considerable material damage stationary train in Junction machine gunned no opposition. (H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1636/3).

Yugoslav Naval personnel. — Asking for his remarks on proposals for. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1642A/3 to C. in C. Med). See Lion Copy.

TALISMAN. — For information. Reports have been received of S/M being sighted in your area about 1000B/1 and at 1510B/3. This may have been you. (Capt. (S) 1., 1725B/3 to TALISMAN).

/PERSEUS.....

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PERSEUS. — Leave patrol p.m./6/10. Route to Alexandria. PROTEUS is routed as follows, to Alexandria. (Capt. S.1., 1821B/3 to PERSEUS).

Weekly mining report, Suez. — The dangerous areas due to U.X.M's in Suez Bay have now been cancelled but are swept at least once a week. An explosion due to unreported U.X.M. or U.X.B. occured 26th. One unreported mine exploded by LL on 29th red "Polarity". A second self detonating same day. Both of these mines probably laid during raid 19/9. Mine referred to in my 1211C/15/9 recovered and is a type C with Mark IV unit and no Booby trap. (S.B.N.O. Suez, 1815B/3).

THORBRYN (sunk 19/8) — C.A.F.O. 727/41. (1) Trawler THORBRYN. (2) Bombing attack, 4 Junkers 88, 2 direct hits. (3) Sunk in 25 fathoms. (4) 032° 04' 00" N., 024° 09' 15". E(5) No. (N.O.I.C. Tobruk, 1833/3, amended 1031B/5).

UPRIGHT, URGE. — My 1717B/2. As UNIQUE is not sailing tonight third S/Ms encountered on opposite repeat opposite course are to be attacked. Do not make E.T.A. (Capt. (S) 10, 1939B/3 to UPRIGHT, URGE.)

PROTEUS. — Request permission to remain on patrol another 4 days. (PROTEUS, 2300B/3 to Capt. (S) 1) Approved (Capt. S.1. 0901B/5).

Enemy Convoy. — 3 M.V. 1 Destroyer bearing 230° distance 3 miles course 310°. My position 38° 51' N., 19° 44' E. (PROTEUS, 2325B/3).

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East Indies.

Ports T. and W.

Admiralty approve discontinuation of code names ports T. and W. Arrangements for signalling to authorities at Port T. (addu Atoll) will remain as my 1356/29/9 (1356/29/9) not to S.N.O. Port T. (C. in C. E.I. 0620Z/3 to ARMINDA, F.O.C.R.I.N., G.H.Q. M.E., S.N.O. Port T.)

REPULSE W.S.11.

REPULSE escorting Durban portion W.S. 11 arrived. (N.L.O. Durban 1059Z/3.)

ENCOUNTER.

ENCOUNTER arrived 0534Z and sailed 1120Z/3. E.T.A. Kilindini 0700Z/7. S. of A. 20 knots. Routed in accordance with C. in C. E.I. 1110Z/18/4. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1122Z/3.)

N.O. for Tiflis Mission.

14438/G, cipher 3/10. Consider desirable that Naval Officer be appointed to join army mission in Tiflis. This would provide opportunity for appreciating naval situation in Caspian Sea. C. in C. East Indies has suitable officer available. Suggest matter be taken up with Russian authorities. (C. in C. India, 0000/3 to W.O.)

China.

U.S.Asiatic Fleet.

Your 0755Z/19.
1. Instructions now given to Admiral Hart are no doubt the results of American reaction to A.D.B. which, on certain points in connection with Command, went rather further than contemplated, in A.B.C.-1. Instructions are, however, in strict accordance with A.B.C.-1, so long as the Asiatic Fleet is employed in defence of the Philippines.
2. Endeavour has been made in draft A.D.B.-2 to meet American views while preserving unity of Command, and it is hoped that agreement of U.S. Chiefs of Staff to this report will shortly be obtained. In the meantime, no further action is being taken. (1st S.L. 1303A/3 to C. in C. China.)

/CAP DES PALMES

FOREIGN STATIONS.

China - contd.

CAP DES PALMES. Instructions for fitting as A.M.C. for Free French Navy at Singapore. (not in U.S.A.) (A.C.N.S.(F) 1340A/3, Controller 1425A/3.)
Orders to proceed in company with F.F.S. LE TRIOMPHANT and CHEVREUIL to Noumea and subsequent routeing to Singapore.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1456A/3.)

America and West Indies.

FURIOUS. Kingston departure FURIOUS. B.A.D. pass to B.A.R.M. (Capt. i/c Jamaica 0705R/3.)

CATHAY. My 1412R/27/9 for "Bridges if desired" read "Bridges as desired". (B.A.R.M. Washington 0944R/3.)

Ammunitioning of FORMIDABLE and FURIOUS. Your 1144R/25 para.(C). Despatch of ammunition from U.K. has been arranged to complete outfit of each ship to 50%.
(D.G.D. 1154A/3 to B.A.R.M.)

Proposed 40,000 ton dock at Surabaya. A member of the U.S. Lend Lease Administration has informed us that Dutch propose building at Surabaya a 40,000 ton floating dock and are requesting material including machine tools from U.S.A. The U.S. Lend Lease Administration wish to know whether British would favour this project since otherwise it would be assigned a very low priority rating. We have informed him that, on strategic grounds the Admiralty would favour project. (B.A.D. Washington 1401R/3.)

HAWAIAN SHIPPER. Reply to 13030/2. Re coal, W/T procedure, movements etc. (EMPIRE FULMAR 1428Z/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

/Atlantic

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies. - contd.

Atlantic Convoy escorts.

Personal from First Sea Lord.
Your 1437/30. In estimating number of R.N. destroyers to be left with N.E.F. it was appreciated that a total of 13 would not be sufficient always to provide 2 destroyers with each convoy.
2. With the limited forces at our disposal and balancing the threat of attack both in the Western Atlantic and on the Southern convoy routes I regret that no additional ships can be spared. For the same reason it must be accepted that out of the total forces available to N.E.F. a certain proportion will always be refitting.
3. Hitherto the escort of T.C. convoys in the Western Atlantic has been a Canadian commitment. During the turnover period Canadian assistance is required but it is hoped that no further calls will be made after the arrival of the escorts of the present C.T. and T.C.14 at St. John's and Iceland respectively.
4. We are unaware here of the circumstances which caused you to agree with the Americans that you should provide escorts for all the S.C. Convoys.
5. It is this heavy commitment which is causing considerable difficulty. Would it be possible for you to approach the Americans and endeavour to get them to agree to provide escorts for say one S.C. convoy in three?
(1st S.L. 1514A/3 to C.N.S. Ottawa.)

Tugs at Bermuda.

The situation regarding Tugs at Bermuda still does not seem to be appreciated. Without proper Tugs the Gunnery efficiency of a large part of the Fleet is most seriously affected.
I intend to retain ROODE ZEE at Bermuda until suitable relief capable of Ocean work, Basin work and target towing is made available.
(C. in C. A.W.I. 15320/3 to Adty.)

BASSELOURDE.

Your 1437/15/8. Request report of any further -action taken about French Schooner BASSELOURDE.
(D.E.W.D. 1549A/3 to C.C.N.F.)
Your 1549A/3. BASSELOURDE on arrival St. Johns was handed over to Newfoundland Government for subsequent necessary action report giving particulars of ship and intelligence obtained from crew forwarded to D.N.I. Admiralty in my communication 25/01105/PR/PS of 24/8.
(C.C.N.F. 2121Z/3 to Adty.)

Personnel.

Provision of crews for ships completing refits in U.S.A. (B.A.R.M. 1705 or 1706 or 1708/R/3 to Adty.) See Lion Copy.

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America and West Indies - contd.

Raider report.	With ref. to B.A.D. Washington's 1517R/2 para.1. This is the same report as contained in my 1150/ 26/9. It it not regarded as confirmation as I have every reason to believe it emanates from same source, and report indicates supply ship and not raider. (N.A. Santiago de Chile 1900/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
U.S. Ships.	Future movements of U.S. Ships. BUCK, DICKERSON, HERBERT, JACOB JONES, ROPER, S/M R - 6, S/M R - 7. (D.O.D.(F) 1641A/3 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
DIANTHUS, GLADIOLUS.	A.M. 1211A/3. DIANTHUS will arrive St. Johns about 15/10. GLADIOLUS will not normally arrive St. Johns until about 2/11. To avoid delaying refit of DIANTHUS strongly recommend that ships may come independently if this is acceptable to B.A.R.M. Washington ships could arrive Charleston 24/10 and 9/11 respectively. (C.C.N.F. 1729Z/3 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, B.A.R.M. Washington.)
DESPATCH.	Will be out of action making good minor defects until about 13/10. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1812Q/3.)
Requirements for ships returning to U.K. after refit in U.S.A.	Ships returning to U.K. after refit in America will usually do so without being fully manned or worked up. The following represent the minimum requirements for these ships:- (a) Main Armament 50% fully manned in action. (b) H.A. Armament 50% of both long and short range fully manned in action. (c) Torpedo Armament. Minimum necessary for maintenance. (d) W/T Cruisers and above - two lines manned in three watches. Destroyers and below - one line in three watches. Coders to be included in addition. (e) V/S As requisite for an independent ship in three watches. (f) R.D/F. As requisite to man Main Warning Set in three watches. (g) Engine Room Department. To maintain 3/5 power (h) Aircraft Aircraft Carriers - six T.S.R. Ships with catapult-aircraft - one aircraft. (i) Ammunition etc. Ammunition over and above that required to meet (a) and (b) need not be shipped to U.S.A. (j) Working up. Ship should work up for one week before sailing. 2. The state of each ship is to be reported to Admiralty before sailing from U.S.A. to U.K. (1st S.L. 2217A/3 to C.in C. A.& W.I., C.in C. S./ C's in C. at Home (A.I.G.21) F.O.C. N.A., B.A.D. Washington, B.A.R.M., N.S.H.Q.Ottawa., C.O.A.C. C.O.P.C.)

/6 U-boats

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6 U-boats in Caribbean.	B.A.D. Washington 2245R/3. See U-Boat Campaign.
POTLACH.	Jamaica's 1126/1. POTLACH arrived New York October 2nd. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2309Z/3 to S.O.(I) Kingston.)
Suspicious Vessel.	My 2124/1. Air patrol observed three masted Schooner URIOS Port Barranquilla, Columbia 10-30 N. 76-03 W. at 2245 G.C.T/2 not suspicious. (Opnav 2356Z/3.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

AVOCETA
(sunk 25/9.)

Your 1953A/2, to C. in C.W.A., not to Admiralty. AVOCETA 2233/25. Admiral Creighton Captain Faith and 36 survivors landed at Milford Haven 30/9 from PERIWINKLE. Possibly a further three survivors landed at Liverpool.
(D.T.D. 0106A/3 to F.O.C.N.A.)

TUVA
(torpedoed 2/10.)

Encountered large heavy oil patches at 0515Z/3rd in TUVA position 054° 25' N., 026° 50' W. Searched 5 miles vicinity and large area 15 miles deep to (corrupt group). Believed TUVA sunk. Please advise.
(EYEBRIGHT 1102Z/3, to C. in C.W.A., F.O.(S), Adty., C.C.N.F., A.C.I.C., LEITH, DAFFODIL, SAINT CROIX.
EYEBRIGHT rejoin Convoy. LEITH and ZWARTE ZEE return to base in Company. On reaching North Channel LEITH to Belfast ZWARTE ZEE to Campbeltown.
(C. in C.W.A., 1350A/3, to EYEBRIGHT, LEITH.)

I.C.WHITE
(U.S.Ship)
Panama
Tanker.
(torpedoed 27/9.)

WEST NILUS reports I.C.WHITE torpedoed 27/9 450 miles E. of Pernambuco, sunk.
WEST NILUS has on board 18 survivors one boat with 16 missing, her position 009° 17' S., 134° 58' W., at noon. She is bound for Rio de Janeiro.
(R.O.Pernambuco 1900Z/3 R.O.Bahia 1939Z/3, to Adty., S.O.(I) Freetown, S.O.(I) Montevideo, B.N.A., Rio de Janeiro. N.A.Rio de Janeiro 2001Z/3.)(S.O.(I) Montevideo 2231Z/3.)
S.S. WEST NILUS reported 1156/3 picked up one boat 17 men from I C WHITE torpedoed 27/9 450 miles east Pernambuco. WHITE had 37 officers and crew bound Curacao to Capetown left Curacao 24/9, due 8/10. All but four members frew (? crew) U.S.
(Opnav, 2230Z/3, to Comtask Unit 3, Adty.)

SILVERBELLE
(torpedoed 22/9.)

F.F.COMMANDANT DUBOC arrived Freetown 1300/3, with master and whole crew of SILVERBELLE. Master estimates ship would remain afloat without use of pumps until 6/10. Understand LADY SHIRLEY has been towing SILVERBELLE but do not know if she has reached Las Palmas or other port. Intend to sail COMMANDANT DUBOC with EAGLE for Gibraltar. EAGLE'S aircraft to search for SILVERBELLE as she has not yet reached safety.
(C. in C.S.A., 1955N/3, to Adty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

0726. U Boat in 080°. Gorodetzki 23 at 0726/3.
(LONDON 0832A/3, 1804A/3.)

0016Z. Further bearings of enemy transmission, suggest U Boat to be in approx., 52° 00' N., 43° 00' W. Unreliable fix.
(D.D.I.C. 0903A/3, to Alusna for Opnav. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

W.S.12. O.G.75. reported & shadowed. It is probable that Convoy W.S.12 and Convoy OG 75 have both been reported by Condor A/C. Three may be near you. U/Bs have been D/Fd 2 astern of you and one about 53° N., 20° W.
(D.D.I.C. 1056A/3 to DEVONSHIRE, ROCHESTER. C. in C.W.A., H.Q.C.C.)

U-boats in White Sea & Approaches. Since 3/9 have received 25 submarine reports all except 3 by D/F on 5882 KC/s in White Sea and Approaches. Last 6 received 2/10. I have urged C. in C. Northern Fleet to instruct Admiral at Archangel to be more energetic and he promises to do so but states only 2 destroyers Archangel. If they were based on Iokanskie quick action could be taken.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1432C/3 to Adty.)

Estimated U.Boats dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1436A/3.)

1425Z. By D/F within 40 miles of 55° 20' N., 22° W.
(D.D.I.C. 1616A/3, to DEVONSHIRE, ROCHESTER, S. & A.W.Approaches, H.Q.C.C.)

Supply ship sunk. S/M sighted by C.S.10. At 1804A sighted supply ship with U-boat in 043° 41' N., 024° 34' W. Supply ship attempted to escape to S.E. and was shelled and blew up in 043° 36' N., 024° 30'W., at 1909.
(C.S.10, 1916A/3, to Adty.)
Sighted one submarine submerged in 043° 41' N., 024° 34' W., and four lifeboats full of Huns.
(Weather Report.) (C.S.10 1915A/3.)

6 U-boats in Caribbean. U.S. Authorities have received a report from a usually reliable source at Havana which indicates 6 U boats are at present in Caribbean Sea to procure provisions and oil. Thought to be off South Coast of Oriente.
(B.A.D. Washington 2245R/3, to C. in C.A.W.I., N.O.I/C Kingston Jamaica, N.O.I/C Trinidad.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

O.N.19

It is reported that 10 ships are adrift from Convoy O.N.19 (in which SAN FLORENTINO was torpedoed on 1/10) after a severe gale on 28/9 and 29/9. The position of the convoy at 0230Z today was 51° 7' N., 39° 24' W.

Russian S/M MOLODKI Class 176 reports that she sustained some damage from depth charges after attacking a 13,000 ton liner at 0730C today, whilst on patrol off Kirkenes.

British Air Operations.

Since 29/9 there has been a conspicuous absence of R.D.F. plots on enemy minesweepers off the French coast. V.A. Dover considers it possible that the fighter aircraft offensive against these craft is the reason.

The docks at Rotterdam, Antwerp and Dunkirk and the battlecruisers at Brest were attacked last night.

Enemy Air Operations.

S.S. EARL OF ZETLAND and H.M.D. THISTLE were unsuccessfully attacked when entering Skuda sound Uust this morning.

S.S. HARLAW was attacked at 1210 off Peterhead, but was not damaged. She claims to have hit her attacker.

O.G.75 was attacked at 1350 today in about 51° 50' N., 20° 20' W.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

The Humber was re-opened at 1044A today, but was closed again at 2203A owing to minelaying.

South Atlantic.

Force F. — DORSETSHIRE and EAGLE ceased to form Force F., at 0800Z today.

Mediterranean.

Libya and Western Desert. — 13 Wellingtons attacked shipping in Benghazi last night and claimed several hits on quays.

3 Wellingtons bombed Bardia Harbour last night and 4 Blenheims a petrol dump about 16 miles N.W. of Bardia.

Today 9 Marylands continued the attack on the Bardia petrol dump.

A/S Trawler KOS 21 was bombed and sunk in 32° 9' N., 25° 17' E., at 2130 today whilst proceeding to Tobruk with D. lighter in tow.

Cyprus. — A single enemy A/C dropped bombs on Cyprus last night without causing any casualties or damage.

/Black Sea.....

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

Black Sea. The Soviet Naval Authorities wish to get two icebreakers, two tankers and a motor vessel, out of the Black Sea and ask for our co-operation in the Mediterranean.

It is reported that preparations for combined operations from Varna and Burgas are intense and that all activity has been transferred from Roumanian ports in order to profit by Bulgarian "neutrality".

East Indies.

Admty and M. of W.T. circulars etc. D.G. A/C recognition, flying of kites, invasion plans etc. are finding their way from the Netherlands Shipping and Trading Committee, London into the hands of neutral shipping agents, including a suspect branch.

U-Boat Campaign.

A/S Trawler LADY SHIRLEY reports being in action with an enemy submarine at 1040A in 27° 10' N., 20° 24' W., and suffering casualties.

From later report it appears that LADY SHIRLEY (Lieut.-Comdr. Arthur H. Calloway, R. Australian N.V.R.) sank the U-Boat by gunfire after forcing it to the surface by depth charges.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

CUMBERLAND. When CUMBERLAND is ready for sea C. in C. Nore is requested to sail her for Scapa to work up. (D.O.D. H. 1153A/4.)

Ex-U.S.A. S/Ms. Your 1203A/19/9 addressed B.A.R.M. In view of the request contained in P.D.0209/41 for a very early decision on the acceptance of further 'R' Class, and the desirability of our allies having opportunity to inspect this Class of submarine before providing crews, it is proposed that both the ex-American submarines about to be transferred should proceed direct to U.K. for trial when ready. (F.O.S. 1309A/4 to Adty.)

L.27. In view of my 1309A/4, and of the fact that Netherlands Submarine O.15 is likely to be out of action for some time, it is proposed to send L.27 to St. Johns, Newfoundland for a period not exceeding about two months, sailing shortly after she has completed HEDGEHOG trials with WESTCOTT. (F.O.S. 1311A/4.)

M/V signalling. Amendment to Admiralty 266R/29 Sept. (D.S.D. 1637A/4.)

TRINIDAD. When TRINIDAD is ready for sea C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail her to Scapa to work up.
2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to provide A.A. escort.
3. When ready for service it is intended that TRINIDAD should join the Home Fleet in the tenth Cruiser Squadron. (A.C.N.S. H. 1921A/4.)

Co-operation with Russia.

Archangel facilities. Your 1430A/2. (?No) opportunity owing to distance from anchorage. Captain Wyburd has been requested to supply information direct. (LONDON 0823A/4 to Adty.)

Murmansk. Present military situation and railway communications. Details. (No.30 Military Mission 2353/4 to War Office) See Lion Copy.

Defence of U.K.

Floating Platforms. Your 2013A/28/9 and 1929A/23/9. Request details of Phillips Floating Units. It appears possible they might be suitable for use in the Flow. (A.C.O.S. 1159A/4.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements.

AURORA. (Iceland-Faroes Patrol.)	(Corrupt Group) Cancel my 1744Z/3. (C. in C. H.F. 0023Z/4 to AURORA.) AURORA will be detached p.m.4th to arrive Seidisfiord p.m.5th proceeding South of Iceland. Intend to take passage AURORA from Seidisfiord to Scapa arriving 7/10. (C. in C. H.F. 1120Z/4.) AURORA sailed for Seidisfiord 1300. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1615/4.)
BRIGHTON.	Sailed BRIGHTON in accordance with your 1144A/3 E.T.A. Londonderry 0630A/4 to fuel. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 0104A/4 to C.in C. W.A.)
HILARY.	Sailed HILARY to comply with S.O.W.Ps 1604A/1. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 0106A/4.)
HURWORTH.	My 1803/2. Delayed owing to fog. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0650/4.) My 1803/2 and 0650/4. Sailed. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1256/4.) My 1803/2, 0650/4 and 1256/4. Returned to harbour. Intend to sail at 0800/5. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1642/4.)
PORPOISE.	Passed Wolf Rock at 2359A/3 proceeding to dive by day 044° N. 010° W. thence probably on surface to 043° N. 010° 40' W. (Capt.S.3. 1043A/4.)
P.31.	Passes through 290° Bishops Rock 5 miles at 0300A/5 thence diving by day through 46° N. 9° W. thence on surface at C.Os. discretion to pass through 043° N. 010° 40' W. at about 0200A/8. Thence Southward. (Capt. S.9 1101A/4.)
RESOLUTION. VERITY. WITCH.	RESOLUTION not met My P.C.S. are at 1400A/4th 050° 40' N. 023° 48' W., 051°, 12 knots. WITCH in company. (VERITY 1400A/4.) VERITY's 1400A/4. Increase S. of A. to 16 knots at 1900A/4. If VERITY cannot maintain this speed report maximum speed possible repeating to RESOLUTION. (C. in C. W.A. 1658A/4 to RESOLUTION, VERITY, WITCH.) C. in C. W.A. 1452A/4 and 1658A/4. My estimated position 051° 27' N. 022° 13' W., course 51°, 16 knots. (VERITY 1900A/4.) Report your P.C.S. to VERITY, WHITEHALL and CAIRO, repeated C. in C. W.A. (C. in C. W.A. 2204A/4 to RESOLUTION.)

/C. in C. H.F.

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Movements - contd.

C. in C. H.F. — C. in C. H.F. in KING GEORGE V. and H.F. units sailed at 1300Z as in C. in C. H.F. 1015Z/3. (A.C.I.C. 1614/4.)

H.50. — Intend sailing H.50 escorted by Z.5 from Lough Foyle 2000A/5. E.T.A. Rothesay 0800A/6. (N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1516A/4.) My 1746A/2. Sailed. (Capt. S.7 2001A/4.)

JUNON. — Intend to sail JUNON escorted by WHITE BEAR for Clyde leaving Plymouth 0900/5. (C. in C. Plymouth 1618/4.) JUNON escorted by WHITE BEAR leaves Plymouth for Clyde at 0900/5. (Capt. S.3. 1855A/4 to H.32.) Cancel my 1618/4. JUNON delayed by defects. (C. in C. Plymouth 2358/4.)

WHITEHALL. CAIRO. — Position 051° 06' N. 023° 10' W. course 065°, speed 13 knots. R/V with CAIRO at 0800/5. 40% of oil fuel remaining. 2 empty fuel tanks flooded to preserve stability. (WHITEHALL 1800A/4.)

Operations.

Operation J.W. — Owing to spring tides and obstructions at end of harbour, hospital carriers cannot now be moved until 1100/4. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 0025/4.)

E.J. — Operation E.J. will take place as arranged in my 1015Z/3/10. (C. in C. H.F. 1129Z/4.)

Dover Patrol. — Three M.T.Bs leave Dover at 1930 to patrol between South and East Varne buoys returning to Dover by 2300. (V.A. Dover 1616A/4.)

White Sea Area S/M Patrol. — Soviet submarine patrolling in area White Sea Approaches bound (A) to North 068° (B) to South 067° 44' (c) to West 041° 20' (D) to East 042° 30'. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1733C/4 to LONDON.) Soviet Submarines patrol area exists in White Sea Approaches in area bounded by (A- North 68° (B) South 67° 44' (C) East 42° 30' West 41° 20'. Submarines operating this area are based on Iokanskie and are under orders of Admiral in Charge Archangel. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1736C/4.)

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British Air Activity.

Patrols.

P.R.U. of Bergen, Stavanger, Oslo, Haugesund and Kristiansand now in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1051/4.)
Cancel my 1051/4. A/C returned with engine trouble. (C. in C. Rosyth 1157/4.)
P.R.U. Oslo, Horten, Stavanger in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1305/4.)

Ostend
Rotterdam
Antwerp
Dunkirk
Brest
bombed.

On day 3/10, six A/C attacked Ostend.
On night 3/4 the docks at Rotterdam, Antwerp and Dunkirk, also the Battle-cruisers at Brest, were the main objectives for a force of 103 A/C. Weather was good over the three dock targets but Brest was covered by cloud. (H.Q.B.C. 1240/4.)

Escorts.

Weather permitting expect A/S air escort of one Sunderland from dawn 5th. (C. in C. W.A. 1604A/4 to PRINCE OF WALES.
Weather permitting expect A/S air escort of one Sunderland from dawn/5. (C. in C. W.A. 1605A/4 to RESOLUTION.)
Expect air escort by Catalina from about 2330 tonight. U-boats believed to be in your vicinity. (C. in C. W.A. 1809/4 to Escorts of O.G.75.)

Plymouth.
Removal of
Balloons.

Your 2137A/3. I think there has been some misunderstanding. A.O.C. 19 Group and O.C. Mount Batten will be quite satisfied if Balloons in balloon sites numbers 38, 39 and 49 are hauled down to topping up height subject to control by O.C. Mount Batten. I understood balloon Command had no objection to this being done. Also I have been busy today going into the matter of the extra protection to be provided for RESOLUTION whilst here. My Liaison with the A.A. Brigade and Balloon Squadron enabled me to get the information in advance.
2. Further, if the Sound is heavily mined, which it may well be again if these balloons are removed, flying boats will be unable to function at all. I have asked the O.C. 934 (Balloon) Squadron to take no action pending your decision on this message. (C. in C. Plymouth 1757/4 to Adty.)
A.M. 2340B/29/7. Would it not be as well, whilst RESOLUTION is present, to fly balloons at operational heights at night, as, if enemy aircraft came in fairly low, the R.D.F. does not by any means always pick them up.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2245/4 to Adty.)

/Further

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British Air Activity.

Plymouth. Removal of Balloons contd.

Further to my 1757/4. R/C of Plymouth has been carried out in conjunction with Army and R.A.F. Suitable sites for increased A.A. Arrangements and Balloons have been selected but request that date given to Army viz 15/10 may be anticipated and guns mounted by 9/10.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2327/4 to Adty.)

Anti-M/S Operations.

Since 29/9 there has been a conspicuous absence of R.D.F. plots on enemy minesweepers off the French Coast. It is possible that the fighter aircraft offensive against these craft is the reason. (V.A. Dover 1954A/4.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Yarmouth bombed on 3/10.

Ct. Yarmouth bombed 2056/3. Bombs fell in sea. A to D nil. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0911A/4.)

Faroes.

1 unidentified aircraft believed hostile Faroe Islands between 1110 and 1150 today. No incidents reported. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1250A/4.)

EARL OF ZETLAND II. and THISTLE attacked.

Master of EARL OF ZETLAND II, 150 tons inter-island mail packet, reports that at 0755/4 when entering Skuda Sound, Unst, an enemy aircraft, thought to be Junkers 88, dived, and dropped a stick of five bombs which fell about 100 yards on the starboard beam. This is confirmed by the H.M.D. THISTLE. The enemy aircraft opened M.G. fire on both EARL OF ZETLAND and THISTLE, then made off to S.E.ward. The former vessel fired three bursts from her Lewis gun. There was no damage or casualty in either vessel.
(S.O.L.Lerwick 1454/4.)

STURDEE ROSE attacked.

Reports being attacked by double engined A/C at midnight Oct.1st/2nd in 51° 55' N. 5° 26' W. One 560-lb. U.X.B. hit ship and threw out four incendiary bombs. Bomb has since been removed. Superficial damage, no casualties. One attack was made and ship fired one belt from both Hotchkiss guns and a few rounds from Lewis Gun. Master, Chief Engineer, and a Seaman state they saw plane plunge into the sea only just missing the stern. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1540A/4 and 1155A/5.)

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Enemy Air Activity - contd.

O.G.75 attacked. — Condor attacked O.G.75 at 1350/4. Position given by A/C 051° 50' N. 020° 20' W. (C. in C. W.A. 1734A/4 to LAMERTON.

SOUTHPORT (British, 572 Tons.) — Blown off the stocks in dry-dock at South Shields during air raid on 2/10. (D.S. 760.)

Mining.

Spurn Point. — 1. At 0812A/4 HOLDERNESS detonated one Red Mine in 53° 33.6' N. 0° 26.2' E. Details. (HOLDERNESS 0836A/4.)

Humber. — Humber open to navigation. (F.O. Humber 1044A/4) Following five mines detonated by sweepers on 3/10. Details. (F.O. Humber 1210/4.) My 1210/4. 2 further Mines detonated on 3/10. Details. (F.O. Humber 2153A/4.) Humber closed owing to minelaying. (F.O. Humber 2203A/4.)

Portsmouth Area. — T. Type mine swept on 1/10/41 has been recovered. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1202A/4.)

S.N.24 A. — Intend laying deep minefield S.N.24 A. with PORT QUEBEC escorted by SCOTT sailing p.m./6th and laying a.m./7th from position 058° 49' 42" N. 006° 55' 18" W. through 058° 53' 54" N. 007° 02' and 058° 58' 06" N. 006° 55' 18", to 059° 02' 18" N. 007° 02' W. (R.A.M. 1241A/4.)

Ramsgate. — My 1019A. One large explosion observed 080° Ramsgate Pier one mile at 1637 yesterday. Believed to be a mine. (V.A. Dover 1241A/4.)

Liverpool. — At 0950/4 one Ground Mine detonated by Sweeper 218° Bar Light Vessel 2.2 miles. Details. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1720A/4.)

Portland Area. — My 1255/3 and 2250/3. It is considered that this mine was drifting. It has been sunk. Search has been made in the area today without result. Intend to take no further action. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1822A/4.)

Milford Haven. — Arrived. VIKING BANK and OMMERING. Results negative. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 2105A/4.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

Lights in Northern Waters. Following received from N.A. Stockholm. Graded B.3. (a) All lights north of Trondhjem to be extinguished at 1600. (b) White sector Vlissingen light probably reduced to 5 miles. (D.D.I.C. 1219A/4 to C. in C. H.F., F.O.S.)

Navigational.

B.D.6 Buoy. 827 Q.Z.H. Nore Area. B.D.6 Buoy missing from station. (Hydrographer 0102A/4.)

Eddystone Light. It is possible that Eddystone Light may not be burning. (C. in C. Plymouth 2030/4 to BROCKLESBY.)

Technical.

Actaeon Net Defence. It is requested that Captain C.N.E. Currey may be instructed to examine Auxiliary Aircraft Carriers, and report on possibility of fitting Actaeon Net Defence; intention is to use when steaming in convoy up to 13 knots, and Nets must be readily worked for freedom to operate aircraft. Delay in completion could not be accepted. Work is not to be progressed until further orders. (V.C.N.S. 1456A/4 to B.A.R.M.)

Casualties and Defects.

LUMINETTA (British Tanker, 6159 Tons) grounded. Reported 0300 G.M.T. aground in 57° 44½' N. 6° 22½' W. got off by 0600, badly holed, making for Clyde. (Scapa W/T 0300/4, 1245/4, C.G. Port Patrick 0400/4 0812/4 WOLVERINE 0439A/4, F.O.i/c Greenock 0513A/4, 0803A/4.)

MARCONI (Collision 20/9.) Intend to sail daily beginning 1000 tomorrow until further notice Salvage vessel FORDE escorted by A/S Trawler BASSET to work at wreck MARCONI. Ships anchoring at Platters overnight and at Cork between slack water periods. Request fighter protection. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1043A/4.)

VIVACIOUS (Wheel jammed 3/10.) Arrival H.M.S. VIVACIOUS, HOLDERNESS, GARTH at 1150. (F.O. Humber 1202A/4.)

/LANDGUARD.

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Casualties and Defects - contd.

LANDGUARD. My 1752/3. LANDGUARD should have defect completed by 6/10. Intend to sail her at 0800/7. for Sheerness. E.T.A. Sheerness 1400. (F.O.I.C. London 1314/4.)
My 1314/4. Sailing cancelled owing to main engine defects. Estimated time for repairs three weeks. (F.O.I.C. London 2145A/4.)

Following from Salvage Officer Cromer. "Heavy swell prevented salvage vessels going alongside today. Salvage vessel NESSUS sailed at 1200 and J.B. PADDON at 1230 today Saturday for Yarmouth. HADDON will commence pumping Nos. 4 and 5 holds if weather permits discharge of cargo. BORNRIF sailed for Grimsby daylight today. Hostile A/C dropped bomb in vicinity of casualty last night Friday but no apparent damage incurred. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1507A/4.)

PICTOU. Trouble developed lubricating system high pressure engine requires return to Reykjavik. E.T.A. 2400Z/4. (PICTOU 1900A/4.)

CULVER. My 1752/3. Will be unable to sail at time stated owing to defect in steering motor. (F.O.I.C. London 2027A/4.)

JUNON. Cancel my 1618/4. JUNON delayed by defects. (C. in C. Plymouth 2358/4.)

Shipping and Convoys.

F.N.27. F.S.11. A/A escort and Anti E-Boat cover tonight as follows. (C. in C. Nore 0924A/4.)

O.N.23. O.N.M.23. O.N.23 is delayed by fog probably for 24 hours. O.N.M.23 is to proceed to Belfast. (C. in C. W.A. 0939A/4 to PALOMARES.)
O.N.23 Sailing delayed 24 hours due to fog. (D.T.D. 1028Z/4 to Opnav.)
Cancel my 1028Z/4. Convoy sailed 1300Z/4. (D.T.D. 1613Z/4 to Opnav.)

E.C.81. No overseas vessels sailed in E.C.81 owing to Humber being closed. (N.C.S.O. Humber 1106/4.)

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SILVERAY.
JOSEPH DUHAMEL.

SILVERAY for Liverpool, valuable general cargo and JOSEPH DUHAMEL for Fleetwood. Both ships unable to exceed 5 knots due to engine trouble. Request permission to sail independently and that escort may be provided.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1118A/4 to C. in C. W.A.)

LAMERTON.

Not met. One (?engine defect) My P.C.S. are (?up to now) 051° 50' N. 020° 10' W., 191°, 11 knots. (LAMERTON 1155/4.)
Your 1509A/4. Not Met. Have swept back along 020° 30' W. 052° 10' N. Intend southwark search on Broad front. Request position of convoy. Oil Fuel remaining 78%. (LAMERTON 1800A/4 to C. in C. W.A.)

W.S.12.

LANCASTER and NEWARK were detached from W.S.12 at 1800/3 to return to Londonderry.
(C. in C. W.A. 1525A/4 to RESOLUTION.)

S.L.87.

W.A. convoy instructions, part 100, para.26. S.L.87. GARDENIA escorting DUNELMIA and FANA toward Liverpool, former breaking off for Clyde alteration. GORLESTON escorting ASHBY and RINOS towards (?Oban), E.T.A. Oban 1030A/5. LULWORTH, BIDEFORD returning to base with survivors and short of fuel. (KINGSTON SAPPHIRE 1601A/4.)

O.N.19.

Following received from ALBERNI. 10 other ships are still adrift after severe gale on 28th and 29th September. MAYFLOWER unable to pass W/T report. Position of O.N.19 at 0230Z/4 051° 07' N. 039° 24' W., Course 240°, speed 7 knots. (D.T.D. 1612Z/4 to Opnav.)

W.S.12.

Following received from DEVONSHIRE addressed C. in C. W.A. begins. Unless weather conditions improve sufficiently to enable me to supply BEVERLEY with 90 (?hours) of oil fuel before 1100A/5 intend to exchange STANLEY and BEVERLEY duties. BEVERLEY has sufficient fuel to reach Ponta Delgada by p.m.7th. T.O.O. 1315/4th Ends.
(CAIRO 2000A/4 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Q.P.1

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Q.P.1. A.M. 1849A/6. Convoy Q.P.I. from position T 70° N. 13° W. pass through positions U 67° N. 12° W. and V 62° 30' N. 05° 30' W. to Scapa. (D.O.D. H. 2357A/4 to SHROPSHIRE.)

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North Atlantic.

VIOLET. — VIOLET left Ponta Delgada 0800 G.M.T./4.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 0922/4.)

SEVERN. — Re Admty. 0020A/1. SEVERN delayed by defects will now sail 15th.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1008A/4 to C. in C. S.A.)

EAGLE, ARGUS, CROOME. — Your 1124A/3 CROOME complete p.m./4. Intend sailing her p.m./5 to meet EAGLE and provide escort Gibraltar there being no other destroyer available. Thence to U.K. with EAGLE and ARGUS. A.M. 1235A/27/9 refers.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1048A/4, to C. in C. W.A.)

Swiss sailings from Genoa. — Your 1047A/3 and 0108B/11/6 para. 2. No information has yet been received from Swiss Government of return sailing and routes.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1128A/4 to Admty.)

B.D.V's. — Onward route BARSTOKE, BARONIA, CONSBRO, BARBOUR, GRAAF VAN VLAANDEREN to Bathurst. Entry must be made in daylight.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1142A/4.)

H.G.74. — Departure DUNCAN, ROCKINGHAM to R/V with H.G.74. DUNCAN to limit of prudent endurance. ROCKINGHAM if unable to proceed to U.K. with convoy is to part company at limit of prudent endurance and proceed to Londonderry for (? fuel) ROCKINGHAM does not hold S.P.02358(12).
(F.O.C.N.A., 1306A/4 to Admty., C. in C. W.A., FORESIGHT, etc.)

LADY SHIRLEY, Fuelling at Las Palmas. — Your 1336A/2. Ministry of Marine confirms LADY SHIRLEY may fuel. Sufficient British fuel believed available but authorities will loan if necessary. Las Palmas please report British stock direct Admiralty. Spanish ask for more notice future cases.
(B.N.A. Madrid, 1313/4, to Admty.)

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Force H, destroyers, proposed operation. — Personal for 1st Sea Lord. Your 1732/30 para. C (ii). Destroyers Force H can only just reach area in question and would then have to return unless refuelled. (ii) Refuelling possibilities are half a day in 4 northern area and one day in 4 southern area. ARK ROYAL is not suitable ship from which to refuel except in good weather. (iii) HERMIONE endurance is also too low to admit of acting escort to (? ARK ROYAL). On whole I consider risk involved to ARK ROYAL largely outweighs results likely to be achieved. With longer night S/Ms. even if put down by day should be able to regain position during the night. (S.O. Force H, 1333A/4 to Admty.)

LINDA (Danish) — Bunkered 30/9. Clearance refused by Port Captain who alleged instructions from Copenhagen owner of ship. Master was warned that if he sailed without official sanction ship would be fired upon by Spanish Guard Ship and detained. Master was requested to sign declaration that he would not sail without official sanction and Copenhagen owners instructions to proceed but he refused to sign. Danish Consul has now been instructed by Danish Consul Teneriffe to withdraw Clearance Certificate issued locally alleging standing instructions that no Danish ship may leave without permission of Danish Legation Madrid.
Understand Danish Consul has telegraphed Madrid asking for permission to Clear ship.
(B.C. Las Palmas, 1340/4.)

French Warships. — Destroyer SIMOUN and S/M GLORIEUX passed Gibraltar westbound at 1221/4.
(D.O.R., 5/10.)

AURICULA. — Left Ponta Delgada 1530 G.M.T./4.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1455/4.)

F.O.C.N.A., 1503A/4. See U-Boat Campaign.

THORN. — My 1510/30. Departure THORN.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2000A/4 to C. in C. Med.)

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South Atlantic.

REVENGE. My 1630B/29 ship will undock 18/10 and will be ready for sea 0700Z/20.
(N.L.O., Durban, 0624Z/4.)

Survivors of torpedoed ships. Your 2103B/19/7.
Following survivors embarked on ships sailing for U.K:

(A)	(B)	(C)
ALIKI	2	CAMERONIA
VULCAIN	6	CAMERONIA
HORNSHELL	1	CAMERONIA
ANSELM	1	ORONSAY
VULCAIN	1	ORONSAY.

(N.C.S.O. Freetown, 1218N/4 to Admty.)

MARIA L. Due Durban 30/9 from Aden not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 1225B/4.)

NORTELOIDE. NORTELOIDE ex (BOLL?)WERK now under Brazilian flag sailed from Bahia for Rio de Janeiro 3/10.
(N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1401Z/4 to Admty.)

JENNET, PUNNET, RENNET. Sail JENNET, PUNNET, RENNET when ready for Lobito for fuel thence to Simonstown. Report E.T.A. Lobito and Simonstown.
(C. in C. S.A., 1445N/4 to D. of Nigerian Marine.)

Ships to fuel at Ponta Delgada. N.C.S.O. informs British Consul following ships will require fuel at Ponta Delgada.

Date	Ship	Amount.
16/10	ASPHODEL	190.
16/10	STORK	120.
17/10	CLEMATIS	185.
17/10	COLUMBINE	180.
17/10	WELLINGTON	120.

S.O. of escort is to detach ships accordingly.
(C. in C. S.A., 1645N/4 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)

GAZCON. Colonial Office requests you pass my 2110A/3 to Governor Nigeria.
(D.T.D., 1947A/4 to C. in C. S.A.)

Vichy Convoy. Your 1400Z/4/10. Reference my 1023Z/23/9 should this not read my 1123/18/9.*
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 2036/4 to C. in C. E.I.)
* Convoy consisting of 3 M.S. from Saigon due Madagascar 25/9.

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Enemy Convoy. Important southbound convoy 6, 13-knot ships escorted by destroyers expected to pass between positions 034° 00' 017° 30' and 033° 00' 018° 20' at 2100B/4 on course between 220° and 200° then altering westward to arrive Tripoli 1545B/5.
(Capt.(S) 1, 1037B/4 to PERSEUS.)
Capt.(S) 1's 1037B/4th. From aircraft R/C 4/10 it appears convoy will be in 033° 28' 018° 10' on course 192° at 2100B/4 turning Westward at about 2230B.
(Capt.(S) 10, 1302B/4 to PERSEUS.)
REGENT sailed 1500B/4 with despatch to position 032° 53' 014° 16' to endeavour to intercept convoy reported in Capt. (S) 1 S.F's 1037/4th leaving patrol sunset 5th and proceeding via coast to Benghazi.
(Capt.(S) 10, 1517B/4 to Capt. (S) 1, PERSEUS.)

Air Operations. Night 2/3. 19 Wellingtons bombed shipping and harbour installations at Benghazi obtaining direct hits on 4000 ton wreck at outer Mole. Further bombs fell near other ships in harbour and hit building on Cathedral Mole.
2 Wellingtons bombed Bardia.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1116/4.)
Cyprus, night 2/3. About 5 enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Cyprus during early night, slight damage to runway on Limassol Aerodrome, no casualties.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1121/4.)

ST. BRIEUC (French) Departure 3rd, Sete.
(Barcelona, 1256/4 to D. of S.T.)

W.S.10.X. Convoy W.S.10 X, of 6 transports of 96,979 tons, is now due at Suez.
(D.S., 760, 4/10.)

Soviet Ships, Black Sea. Soviet Naval Authorities wish to get the ships in para. 2 out of the Black Sea and ask for our co-operation in the Mediterranean.
2. (A) Ice-breakers MIKDYAN, 15 knots, and MAKAROV, 11 knots.
(B) Tankers AVANESOV, 9500 tons, 11 knots, and SAKHALIN, 8800 tons, 10 knots.
(C) Motor vessel SVANETIA, 5000 tons, 12 knots.

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S.S. ORION. Your 0459A/3.+ (i) ORION* has already sailed ex Suez with personnel for U.K. via Bombay and is calling at Port Sudan to embark prisoners of war, for Bombay.
(ii) S.S.T.O. Bombay requested to sail her for Singapore as soon as possible after disembarkation and to advise E.T.A.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt, 0950B/4 to D. of S.T.)
+ re repairs to ORION.
* As received ? Transport ORION intended.

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3. Icebreakers would proceed to the White Sea area. Tankers would also be used on northern route or alternatively could be used by us as required provided we diverted two tankers to the north.
4. SVANETIA is now at Istanbul and is required for service in Persian Gulf.
5. These ships are unarmed and would all contribute their share to the Russian supply problem resulting from the Beaverbrook Conference.
6. Request C. in C. Mediterranean's views and proposals.
(Adm. Miles, 1919C/4 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Air Operations.

Malta day 4/10. 3 Alerts. Our fighters up, no engagements.
Central Ionian Sea 0635 hours convoy 5 destroyers 4 M/Vs, 8,000 tons 2 M/Vs, 4-6000 tons course 190° speed 10 knots, 0900 hours sighted again same course and speed.
Night 3/4 October. 3 Swordfish despatched attack M/V 6,000 tons sighted on patrol (see above) operation abandoned owing to bad weather.
4/10. 8 Blenheims 107 Squad. on despatched shipping sweep Kerkenah - Zuara Area for 6,000 ton M/V (see above). This M/V not found. 1 destroyer straddled.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1930/4.)

BASARABIA, TRANSILVANIA.

Italian broadcast of 28/9 states German refugees from Persia had arrived Istanbul and been sent to Roumanian hospital ships BASARABIA and TRANSILVANIA. There is no information that these ships have been converted to hospital ships.
(D.S., 760, 4/10.)

Co-operation between the Med. Fleet and the R.A.F. in the M.E. as agreed to by the Admty. and Air Min.

1. No. 201 Group shall be designated No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group. Operational control shall be exercised as provided in this Agreement, the A.O.C. in C. M.E., being the Service authority ultimately responsible for employment of all available air forces under his Command in the best interests of all three Services.

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2. Primary functions of No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group are the conduct of operations over the sea, and co-operation with the Med. Fleet as required by the C.-in-C. Med. It is recognised, however, that it may be necessary on occasions to employ one or more units of the Group on tasks other than those of their primary function, but except in emergency this will not be done without prior consultation with the C.-in-C. Med., or his representative. Similarly, it may be necessary for the operations of No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group to be supplemented by those of squadrons in another Group. It is the duty of the A.O.C. to ensure that the A.O.C. in C. M.E., is kept informed at all times of the air requirements, both general and particular, of the Fleet.

3. The allocation of operational units to or from No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group will be decided from time to time by the A.O.C. in C. after consultation with C. in C. Med., and G.O.C. in C. M.E., in accordance with the needs of the general situation. Should either the C. in C. Med., or the G.O.C. in C. feel unable to accept the decision, the A.O.C. in C. will report to the Minister of State. It is recognised however that F.A.A. units may be withdrawn by the C. in C. Med., at any time if required for service afloat.

4. All R.A.F. and disembarked F.A.A. units in the M.E. whose primary duty for the time being is co-operation with the Med. Fleet in the Eastern Med. shall be under operational control of the A.O.C. No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group. When units not allocated to No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group are detailed for co-operation with the Med. Fleet, the A.O.C. No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group will co-ordinate the orders of all units, and, if possible, control them operationally.

5. On the present date the strenth of No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group is :

G.R. Squadrons.	2 R.A.F.	1 Allied
Flying Boat Squadrons	1 R.A.F.	1 Allied
Long range Fighter Squadrons	2 R.A.F.	

Special R/C requirements of the C. in C. Med., will be met as far as possible by the central P.R.U. unit. A.O.C. No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group is responsible for representing priorities to H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.

/6. So far....

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6. So far as the general situation allows as many air units as possible in the M.E. Command will be trained to operate efficiently over the sea and in co-operation with the Navy. In particular arrangements will be made as soon as possible for the provision of a pool of observers trained in naval co-operation who will be available to fly with units detailed temporarily for such co-operation. As many naval observers as possible will be added to this pool but it is recognised that it may be necessary to withdraw them at any time for operational work in the carriers.
7. The broad strategic plan for the employment of units of No. 201 Naval Co-operation Group in co-operation with the Navy will be agreed between the A.O.C. in C. and C. in C. Med., who will both approve the standing orders for the conduct of such co-operation.
(Admty., 2118A/4 to C. in C. Med.)

CHURRACA. Armament store ship CHURRACA sank at moorings Alexandria Harbour at 1415/2 following 2 small internal explosions. Preliminary investigations show that scuttling charges battery box was not kept locked and that cover for firing switches was not in position. Captain was aware of these facts so that it is quite likely that reason for occurrence was accidental and not sabotage. Cargo believed undamaged by explosion and being salved. Ship is lying on an even keel with main deck awash. Chief Officer and Second Engineer injured latter seriously. 2 local seamen missing presumed dead. Ships papers safe.
(C. in C. Med., 2212B/4 to Admty.)

DUILIO, (sunk 19/9) Apparently the unnamed Italian liner sunk during night 18-19/9, 30' N. of Khoms, was DUILIO, 23,636 tons. Intercepted letter states French COLOMBIE, returning from Syria with repatriates, picked up 2 Italian sailors, survivors from DUILIO.
(D.O.R., 4/10.)

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Station Limits.	Admty. 1340/1. After discussion with R.A. Halifax and S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area, request approval of following proposals: (a) Eastern limit of Mediterranean Station to become 045° 05' E. Date of change to be signalled later. (b) This new limit places Aden and (? Berbera) in Mediterranean Station. As regards former, it is proposed Aden W/T Station should remain operatively under C. in C. East Indies since it is essential to his communications. (c) The title of S.N.O.R.S. to be changed to Flag Officer Commanding Red Sea, short title F.O.R.S. (d) F.O.R.S. will be responsible to C. in C. Med. from Suez to Eastern limit of Med. Station exclusive of Suez itself. (e) In absence of F.O.R.S. the N.O.I.C. Suez will act for him. 2. Consideration of actual force increasing to form Red Sea Squadron is being carried out now. 3. C. in C. East Indies is requested to signal his concurrence or otherwise on these proposals. (C. in C. Med., 2240B/4 to Admty.) Reply from C. in C. E.I., 1036/6.
ROBERTS, EREBUS.	A.M's. 1658/27/9 and 0004/14/9. Request confirmation that both ROBERTS and EREBUS are coming to Mediterranean. When will (? former) leave U.K? (C. in C. Med., 2320B/4, to Admty.) Reply: 1810/6.

East Indies.

STAMATIOS G. EMBIRICOS.	(overdue) left Mombasa 16/9 for Mavan Ham. (S.O.(I) Colombo, 0448Z/4.)
Raider KANDELFELS.	A.M. 1857/30 para. four. Request confirmation that raider E real identity is KANDELFELS in view of great difference between that ship and the description and photos given in supplement to W.I.R. 64. (C. in C. E.I., 0458Z/4 to Admty.) Reply: 1501/5.

/Independent.....

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Independent ships recoding table for use with Merchant Navy code.	Your 2036/2 para. 2 no supply S.P.02404(1) received Colombo. This concerns majority of ships on E.I. Station. (C. in C. E.I., 0602Z/4 to Admty.)
Mohammerah Naval Base.	A.M. 2144/1. (i) Following from Bullard Teheran addressed F.O. repeated S.N.O.P.G., C. in C. E.I. begins:- I had hoped that by now there would be some personal progress towards treaty alliance but as it is, it seems legitimate that Royal Navy should begin use of Persian naval base at Mohammerah forthwith as a military measure arising out of occupation. Gunboats were presumably captured (? immediately after) occupation and can be used subject to making promise to consider return arms etc. later. Any ship mentioned might be requisitioned and reasonably hire paid. Please inform Admiralty of your decision. Ends. (ii) On assumption that Ministry's policy will be approved I propose to direct S.N.O. Persian Gulf to get on with work. (C. in C. .E.I., 1056Z/4 to Admty.)
M.L's.	Your 0756 /16. Eight 72 ft. M.L's. comprising 110th M.L. Flotilla will be put at your disposal. Boats are due to complete in U.K. shortly, and will be freighted as soon as shipping space becomes available. Crews will also be sent. Request you will indicate where boats should be disembarked; if port can be selected on normal route to M.E. where necessary lifting facilities exist shipment will be greatly facilitated. Seems likely that boats could make passage from Mombasa to Seychelles and Port T. if escort is provided. (D. of L.D. 1145A/4 to C. in C. E.I.)
Vichy convoy from D.Suarez to Indo-China.	S.O.I. Capetown's 1023B/22/9*, 1023Z/23/9*, and 1140B/2*. Request immediate report whether sufficient forces can be made available to carry out operation "Ration" on this convoy without prejudice to your other escort commitments. (V.C.N.S., 1233A/4 to C. in C. E.I.) * (E.-bound convoy including VILLE DE VERDUN and VARELLA expected sail shortly.)

/Your.....

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Vichy convoy from D. Suarez to Indo-China. Contd.

Your 1233A/4.
(i) I am preparing to operate "Ration" in the area west of Saya de Malha as from 12th if Vichy convoy does not sail before 10th. ENTERPRISE and CORNWALL and probably one Catalina would be used.
(ii) This would necessitate GLENROY proceeding to Suez unescorted which in circumstances I consider justifiable.
(iii) HERMES will not be available being already overdue for boiler cleaning.
(iv) Force T were warned to operate "Ration" on their present passage if these Vichy ships are met.
(C. in C. E.I., 1358Z/4 to Admty.)
Your 1023Z/23/9 not received.
Message is referred to in A.M. 1233/4th not to you. Your 1003B/23rd* received.
(C. in C. E.I., 1400Z/4 to S.O.(I) Capetown.)
* re sailing of 4 French ships.
* re arrival of ships referred to in 1023/23.

Shipping Intelligence in neutral hands.

Admty. and M. of W.T. circulars re D/G, aircraft recognition, flying of kites, invasion plans, etc., are being issued by Netherlands Shipping and Trading Committee, London to Java Bengal line, Calcutta, who distribute them to their agents throughout India and in Persian Gulf.
2. Java Bengal Line have also issued to their agents instructions to inspect the defensive equipment of all Netherlands ships on charter of M. of W.T. It is thought that these instructions emanated from the same source.
3. Request if it is approved policy for these pamphlets to pass through hands of Neutral Shipping Agents, observing one Branch on this Station is on suspect.
(C. in C. E.I., 1612Z/4 to Admty.)

America and West Indies.

ILLUSTRIOUS, FORMIDABLE.

Your 1144R/25.
1. On completion ILLUSTRIOUS and FORMIDABLE will return to U.K. to adjust complement.
2. On arrival home, type 281 R D F will be fitted in both ships. If you see no objection it is desired that the type 279 sets at present

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ILLUSTRIOUS, FORMIDABLE. Contd.

in these ships should be removed and fitted in ORION and MANCHESTER. It is accepted that carriers will be without warning sets on passage home.
4. Ammunition carried can be restricted to 50 per cent of outfit for passage, but each carrier to have twelve torpedoes.
5. On above lines request you will report revised dates of sailing.
(Admty., 0032A/4 to B.A.R.M.)

Convoy Escorts.

Your 1514A/3. I am just starting on a visit to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet and will reply further to you on my return.
(C.N.S. Ottawa, 0048Z/4 to Admty.)

B.A.D. Washington, 0819R/4. See U-Boat Campaign.

Shipments of oil to Martinique.

N.S.H.Q. 2211Z/2. Request you will reply.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 0922Q/4 to Admty.)

ACADIA re escort.

Opnav has made the following signal and requests an immediate reply "American ship ACADIA loaded with valuable cargo and important technical personnel embarked departs from Recife 20/10 for Lagos escorted by a cruiser and destroyers. Will British furnish a similar escort from 26° W. to Lagos."
(A.L.U.S.N.A., 0940/4 to Admty.)

AURANIA.

My 1551Q/17/9 and your 1805A/3rd. In order to take advantage of A/S Escort propose AURANIA, who is next on list to give leave in U.K., should accompany WOLFE and MALOJA. If approved request destination.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 0952Q/4 to Admty.)

(B.A.D. Washington, 1355/4.) See further on.

U.S. Transports.

Proposed communication arrangements on passage to U.K. after meeting British escort.
(B.A.D., 1551R/4 to Admty., etc.)
See Lion Copy.

/RANPURA.....

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RANPURA.

A.M. 1248A/6/9 and A.M. 1805A/3 and C. in C. W.A's 2206A/3.
RANPURA is to be sailed with WOLFE and MALOJA for U.K.
2. Ship is to rearm and give leave before proceeding on foreign service.
3. Destination will be notified later.
(D.O.D.(F) 1653A/4 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Sailing of Tugs from Canada to U.K.

Your 1214A/17. Intend to sail tugs BARWICK American JAMES E. HUGHES and PETER C. GALLAGER on 7/10 from Sydney for Julianhaab, Greenland thence via Iceland on to U.K.
B.A.D. Washington has been unable to obtain escort from U.S. authorities and no R.C.N. escort is available unless a ship is taken from an S.C. escort. Ships will require total 300 tons of oil at Julianhaab but B.A.D. Washington state that unlikely any oil will be available there before 23rd October.
Sydney however, considers it advisable to sail this group as morale of crew is deteriorating.
Intend to sail NANCY MORAN in S.C. Convoy as soon as repairs completed about 15/10.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1806Z/4 to Admty.)

Task Force 15.

Combatant Units Task Force 15 arrived Argentia 3/10.
(Opnav, 1835/4.)

S.C. 46.

Further reports of Marine casualties:-
EMPIRE MALLARD, Br., 4957 tons, sank after collision.
SOUTH WALES, Br., 5619 tons, ashore after collision, back broken, cargo salvable.
EVEROJA, Br., 4830 tons, returned to Sydney after collision with SOUTH WALES.
EMPIRE MOON, Br., 7472 tons, MAURITZ, Sw., 1480 tons, and BESTIK, Nor., 2684 tons, returned to Sydney.
These, together with EMPIRE KUDU and CULEBRA, became casualties during passage of Belle Isle Strait in dense fog.
(D.O.R., 4/10.)

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A.A. guns in M.V's.

D.E.M.S. New York, reports only weapons being mounted in Merchant Vessels leaving Hampton Roads in convoy 23/10 in accordance with 1633/19/9 are 3 inch L.A. guns.
In view of value of these vessels and their special employment request immediate allocation close range A.A. weapons. Consul General, New York pass to Capt. Marsden.
(B.A.D. Washington, 1355/4.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships attacked.

SAN FLORENTINO (torpedoed again 2/10). Torpedoed and sunk in 052° 42' N. 034° 51' W. on 2/10. Ship was 60 miles from convoy. Sent MAYFLOWER to her assistance. MAYFLOWER reported bows still above on arrival. U. S.S. CAMPBELL took over and destroyed by gunfire. MAYFLOWER picked up 33 survivors. 23 of crew missing. 10 other ships are still adrift after severe gale on 28/9 and 29/9. MAYFLOWER unable to pass W/T report.
(ALBERNI 0235Z/4 to C. in C. W.A.).

SILVERBELLE (torpedoed 22/9). In tow of COMMANDANT DUBOC[illegible] until 29/9 when ship was abandoned in 026° 30' N. 023° 14' W. probably still afloat and may have been in tow of LADY SHIRLEY. Last known position of LADY SHIRLEY 027° 10' N. 020° 24' W. when she was in action with U-boat. EAGLE is to carry out air search for SILVERBELLE in vicinity Canary Islands and have discretion to deviate from route without delaying expected time of arrival Gibraltar unduly. (C. in C. S. A. 1421N/4 to EAGLE).

S.L.87 survivors. E.T.A. Lough Foyle 0700A/5, Number of (?returning) (?survivors) on board 65. Number of cot cases, nil. (GORLESTON 1629A/4).

I.C. WHITE (torpedoed 27/9). My 1900/3 I.C. WHITE was torpedoed on 27/9 in 010° 38' S. 027° 40' W. (R.O. Pernambuco 1703/4). S.S. DEL NORTE reports recovery of 17 additional survivors of Panamanian S.S. I.C. WHITE at 10-16 S. 35-23 W. No time mentioned times of dispatch 0355 G.M.T./4. Captain reports four men still missing possibly on raft. (Opnav 1745/4).

Submarines Reported.

6 S/Ms in Caribbean. My 2245R/3 U.S. aircraft are searching the area. (B.A.D. Washington 0819R/4).

2354Z/3. By D/F in 45° to 46° N. 20° to 22° W. (D.D.I.C. 0940A/4).

1915A/3. Four Life-Boats full of Germans and one U-Boat in 043° 41' N. 024° 34' W. at 1915A/3. May be proceeding towards Azores. (F.O.C.N.A. 1503A/4 to S. and A., N.A. Stn.)

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1531A/4).

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

1550 — M/S trawler reports seeing wake of submarine 120° number 21A buoy 2 miles at 1550/4. (C. in C. Rosyth 1616/4 to VERSATILE, WHADDON).

O.G. 75. — Expect air escort by Catalina from about 2330/4 U-boat believed to be in your vicinity. (C. in C. W.A. 1800A/4).

Situation. — Sub. situation 4th. Slight indication of increasing activity area 50 slant 54 N., 20 slant 30 W. One sub. sighted about 044° N. 024° W. at 1800/3. One engaged by trawler 027° N. 020° W. at 1040/4. 2 or 3 German sub. near Gibraltar. British estimate of additional latest positions. (list). (Halifax N.S. 1952/4 to S.O. Canadian Task Unit 4.1.13 etc.)

1935Z. — By D/F 069° 34' 041° E. Reliable fix. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 2320C/4 to LONDON).

Submarines Attacked.

LADY SHIRLEY. (A/S trawler) — (?Following) intercept from LADY SHIRLEY in action with enemy submarine in 027° 10' N. 020° 24' W. One killed (?3) wounded my position 029° 23' 019° 27'. (MARON 1040A/4, D.D.I.C. 1207Z/4 to Opnav).

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Home Commands.

In view of the accuracy of the gunfire against the last C.W. Convoy between Dover and Folkestone, which suggests that a new gun of improved accuracy may now be in use in the enemy coastal Battery and that it may be firing by Chart Range only, Convoy C.W.53 is to be routed on a new course off Dover which will be swept before the Convoy passes.

Enemy Air Activity.

Skaw (Shetlands) was bombed and machine gunned this afternoon. Damage was slight.

Convoy P.W.45 reported being attacked 15 miles S. by W. of Lundy I. at 2228 and off Hartland Point at 2340. No damage has been reported.

A/P trawler ADRIATIC was attacked at 2300 near the South Bishops. She suffered no damage or casualties and claims to have hit her attacker.

Mining.

Six acoustic Mines were detonated by Sweepers today off Flamborough Head and Spurn Point.

The Humber was opened to navigation at 1020A today, and Harwich at 1116A.

Mine laying in the mouth of the Humber by enemy aircraft was suspected late this evening.

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South Atlantic.

Force Q. QUEEN EMMA, PRINCESS BEATRICE, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ULSTER MONARCH, DOWDALE and ENNERDALE have been directed to form Force Q.

Mediterranean.

Convoy attacked by Swordfish. An important southbound convoy of 6 13 knot ships escorted by destroyers was attacked by Swordfish at 0305A today in 53° 22' N. 15° 31' W. 2 large merchant ships were severely damaged, and one 5000 tons was possibly damaged. (R/C later today reported only one ship missing from the convoy). PERSEUS and REGENT were yesterday ordered to try to intercept the convoy.

Aircraft attacked float planes at Marsala last night, damaging several.

Malta. A few bombs were dropped on Malta last night. No naval damage was caused.

S/M Operations. UPRIGHT reports sinking an Italian destroyer of the GENERALE class N.W. of Messina on 27/9.

TETRARCH reports that she torpedoed a 5000 ton Transport off San. Georgio Island, Agean at 2030/26 and a large escorted merchant ship 20 miles south of the island at 2337/28, though the results could not be seen owing to counter attack. On 27/9 she sank by gunfire a caique full of Italian soldiers 6 miles west of Ananes Island (S.W. of Melos).

In the Adriatic TRIUMPH torpedoed the Tanker LIRI at 0800/18, but the vessel managed to reach Cotrone harbour. At 0800/23 she torpedoed and sank a 3500 ton merchant ship off Split. On 24/9 she scored two hits on a tanker and set her on fire by shelling off Ortona.

/Libya

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Mediterranean - contd.

Libya and Western Desert.

17 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour last night; fire and explosion were caused on a ship near the Italian Mole and a large explosion on a 4000 ton wreck at the Outer Mole.

THRASHER has reported the position of a minefield laid off Benghazi on 16/9 and 17/9.

9 Wellingtons attacked shipping in Tripoli harbour at 2355. Direct hits were obtained on a large oil tanker which was left blazing. Hits or near misses were also made on 2 other merchant vessels and a group of lighters. Burning oil covered a considerable part of the harbour.

About 50 enemy aircraft last night carried out almost continuous raids for 8 hours on Tobruk, bombs and mines being dropped over a wide area, some of the mines falling in the harbour.

Enemy aircraft again raided Tobruk this evening, but no damage or casualties were caused.

Egypt and Suez Canal.

TYNEFIELD, British tanker, 5856 tons, was mined and sunk in the Suez Canal at k/m 153.3 at 0700B this morning, but traffic was resumed later in the day without serious interference.

East Indies.

Dhow captured.

The dhow ALIMADAT, on passage from Madagascar to Jibuti, was captured by RATNAGIRI at 1000 G.M.T. today off Berbera. Two Frenchman were on board.

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America and West Indies.

U/Bs in San Domingo.

It is reported that 2 German submarines based at Dakar have made trips to Santo Domingo, Dominica, and have been supplied there by a German vessel. Samana Bay is said to be their base of operations.

MONDOC sabotage.

S.S. MONDOC sank in the early hours of this morning in 10° (26' or 31') N. 60° 48' W. as the result of explosions which it is considered were due to sabotage. (Later, investigation showed there was nothing to support the claim of explosions and that the vessel probably struck Darien Rock and sank.)

New Zealand.

D/F at 1736Z today placed a German naval unit within 180 miles of 46.30 S., 168° E. (south-west of New Zealand.)

U-Boat Campaign.

Attack on S.L.87.

From LULWORTH's report of attacks on S.L.87, it appears their success was largely due to a breakdown of type 271 due to overheating in tropics and lack of spare valves. When in proper operation this type proved most efficient. Another possible cause was that the gag is reported (8/10) to have been removed from S.S.DIXCOVE's W/T* MARON on patrol reported at 0800A that she was engaging a U-boat in 27° 59' N. 18° 39' W. at a range of 6 miles. She estimates one hit. Two corvettes were sent to join her.

* This is discredited by the Admiralty.

/A Blenheim

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U-Boat Campaign - contd.

A Blenheim A/C on meteorological flight attacked a U/B at 0945 in 47.52 N., 10.18 W., with no visible result.
At 1005 the same A/C attacked another U/B in 47.52 or 47.55 N., 10.24 W. Bomb dropped 2 feet ahead of U/B and the hull seemed to pass over it slightly before explosion. Bows were lifted clean out of water and after settling the stern appeared at an angle of 75° and gradually disappeared in a mass of white disturbed water.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Ex-U.S.A. S/M's. — Your 1309A/4 approved.
(V.C.N.S., 1408A/5 to F.O.S.)

L.27. — Your 1311A/4 approved.
(V.C.N.S., 1601A/5 to F.O.S.)

Seven M/S Trawlers for Freetown. — When ready for service request you will sail M/S trawlers EARL KITCHENER, GASTON RIVIERE, MAGNOLIA, POLO, NORTE, POST BOY, and ROSEMONDE to Freetown calling at Azores for fuel.
2. Cs. in C. concerned are requested to arrange for their onward passage to Mombasa. Their ultimate destination will be decided later.
3. Ships should not be sailed in less than pairs.
(A.C.N.S. F., 1703A/5 to C. in C. W.A.)

Co-operation with Russia.

ECLIPSE. — Cancel my 1858A/3. Sir W. Citrine and Party will arrive by train at Thurso at 1730/6.
2. It is requested you will arrange for ECLIPSE to embark this party at Scrabster on their arrival and sail the ship to Archangel.
(D.O.D. H., 1403A/5 to R.A.D. H.F.)

Defence of U.K.

Sea Gun Platforms. — Following signal (Admiralty 1929A/23) begins.
Signal repeated.
2. A.A. Command have now instructed 2nd and 3rd A.A. Corps to extend examination to include -
Tyne Convoy Anchorage
Humber.
3. Reports in accordance with para. 5 above should quote Admiralty 1929A/23.
(D. of L.D., 1706A/5 to F.O.I.C's Tyne and Humber.)
Your 1159A/4. Suggest unit at Rosyth where trials are being carried out by C. in C. be inspected.
(D. of L.D., 1708A/5 to A.C.O.S.)

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Movements.

BRIGHTON. — Sailed BRIGHTON in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 0932A/4.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 1020/5.)

VASNA. — Your 1309A/3. Propose to sail Naval Hospital Ship VASNA at 0630/8 to arrive Glasgow late p.m./9.
(R.A. Scapa, 1105/5.)

TAKU, BEAUMARIS. — TAKU and BEAUMARIS (A/S escort) are to part company from W.N.88 at 22 A buoy a.m. tomorrow and proceed to Blyth to arrive in daylight that day. BEAUMARIS is to remain at Blyth for the night and sail in daylight early a.m./7 for Port Edgar.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1137/5.)
BEAUMARIS is not receiving signals on 2012 kc/s. Detach TAKU and BEAUMARIS in accordance with my 1137/5.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 2343/5 to CURACOA.)

HURWORTH. — Provided trials are satisfactory HURWORTH is to sail from Methil at 0630 tomorrow and proceed to Scapa to arrive at 1830/6.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1139/5.)

BURZA. — On arrival of "Rivet" request you will sail BURZA to Milford Haven.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1152/5 to F.O.I.C. Falmouth.)

O.10, Z.5, OTWAY, H.34. — At 2200A/7 intend to sail O.10 escorted by Z.5 (? from) Rothesay to Tobermory through Sound of Islay and Mull. E.T.A. 1530A/8. S. of A. 9½ knots. N.O.i/c Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection. Commodore WESTERN ISLES is requested to sail OTWAY and H.34 escorted by Z.5 to arrive Rothesay a.m./10th arranging fighter protection.
(Capt. S.7, 1229A/5.)

RESOLUTION. — Request RESOLUTION may be sailed so as to pass Plymouth breakwater one hour before morning H.W. Ship will be taken straight up harbour.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1320/5 to C. in C. W.A.)

/UNA.....

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UNA. — Intend to sail UNA for Holy Loch southabout to pass through Downs at dusk on 9th. She will be escorted by one destroyer to 145° Dungeness 2.5 miles.
2. Cs. in C. Portsmouth and Plymouth are requested to communicate proposed route through their commands after UNA parts company with destroyer.
3. S.7 is requested to arrange escort and R/V for passage from Lizard to destination.
(C. in C. Nore, 1426A/5.)

SHROPSHIRE. — C. in C. H.F. is requested to sail SHROPSHIRE for Chatham as soon as possible after her return to Scapa in order to take advantage of suitable tides at Sheerness which occur from 8th to 13th October inclusive.
2. C. in C. Rosyth and C. in C. Nore are requested to arrange the necessary escort and protection including fast S.A. sweepers.
3. Anticipated date of SHROPSHIRE's return to Scapa 10th - 11th October.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1715A/5.)

JUNON, WHITE BEAR. — Subject to engine trial being satisfactory, intend to sail WHITE BEAR escorting JUNON for Holy Loch, leaving Plymouth 0900/6.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1726/5.)

Task Unit 4.1.9. — Task unit 4.1.9. McDOUGAL, MOFFETT, TARBELL, McCORMICK, escorting DELTA, ALCYONE, TARAZED sailed 0930A proceeding on great circle to vicinity of Cape Race, then as may be directed.
(A.C.I.C., 1904/5.)

VIMIERA. — On relief by QUANTOCK about 0600/7 part company from E.C.82 and proceed independently to Invergordon at 10 knots to 21A buoy then as necessary to arrive by 1800/7. You are required for special escort duty a.m. 8th to Lerwick as ordered by N.O.I.C. Invergordon, returning as ordered by N.O.I.C. Lerwick. On completion proceed independently to Rosyth.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 2235/5 to VIMIERA.)

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Operations.

East Coast Patrols.

Weather permitting carry out the following patrols tonight.
(1) M.T.B's. of unit (3) between Flushing and Hook of Holland. If conditions are suitable Flushing Roads may be visited. Surface Vessels East of 2° 30' E. may be attacked without challenge.
(2) M.G.B. of unit (4) to vicinity Ymuiden thence to patrol 10 miles either side of Z K H A 0015 until daylight.
(C. in C. Nore, 1054A/5 to BEEHIVE.)
Departure M.G.B. 58, 63, 65, 64.
M.T.B. 14, 18, 100.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1810A/5.)

Dover Patrol.

Three M.T.B.'s leave Dover at 1900 to patrol between south and east Varne buoys returning to Dover by 2300.
(V.A. Dover, 1738A/5.)

British Air Activity.

Operation J.W.

A.694 5/10. Reference Air Ministry signals A.653 dated 3/10 and A.542 dated 2/10 Para. (B) for October 5th read October 7th.
(Air Ministry, 0005/5.)

Patrols.

6 Beauforts to carry out anti-shipping patrol along west coast of France. Aircraft to take off forthwith and to patrol to Ple. Task to be abandoned if insufficient cloud cover.
(A.C.H.Q. Plymouth, 1105/5.)
Three Beaufighters to patrol an area within 60 miles radius eastwards of Thorshavn with the object of intercepting enemy aircraft. Patrol to be carried out to limit of endurance earliest possible today. Details of patrol at Station Commanders discretion.
(A.C.H.Q. 1120/5.)
P.R.U. of Bergen, Haugesund, Stavanger, and Oslo now in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1130/5.)

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British Air Activity - Contd.

Plymouth Special A/A Defence.

Your 1757/4 and 2327/4. Air Ministry have already been informed of the amended date.
The standard procedure when the presence of a valuable ship temporarily increases the importance of a port, is for the Admiralty to advise the Air Ministry who then consult Fighter Command concerning the need for any special defence measures. Admiralty then inform the Local Naval Authority of the action intended.
In this particular case Fighter Command have decided against any re-disposition of fighters or guns, although a slight re-disposition of searchlights will be made. No special signal has therefore been made to you on the subject.
The only special measure will be the smoke screen about which you have been informed.
Your proposals concerning balloons are being taken up with the Air Ministry and a further signal will be made.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1404A/5 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Air Ministry Letter dated 3/10 S.5669/D.F.Ops.
Co-ordination of balloon barrage Plymouth with other local interests required. Local authorities concerned instructed to refer matter to A.O.C. 10 Group. Request 10 Group take necessary action to co-ordinate local Air Defences Plymouth area.
(Air Ministry 1600/5.)
Propose to establish small smoke screen Plymouth for special duties. Screen will not be in operation before 7/10. Local Home Security representative Plymouth requested to make contact early with Station Commander Mount Batten to correlate release of smoke screen with flying operational requirements Mount Batten base.
(Air Ministry, 1630 to H.Q.C.C.)
X.630 5/10. Reference Home Security note dated 3/10. C.O.S.(A.A.) agree that Plymouth screen be provided at expense of Liverpool. Appreciated if Home Security representative Plymouth makes contact early with Station Commander Mount Batten to co-ordinate smoke with flying operations at latter base.
(Air Ministry, 1640/5 to Min. of Home Security.)

Escort for S.N. 24A.

Your 1158/5. A/S escort by Whitley A/C arranged as requested.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1937/5 to R.A.M.)

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Enemy Air Activity.

SKERRIES attacked on 3/10.

SKERRIES now proceeding up river. Reports that at 2200/3 about 12 miles East of Malin Head was attacked by enemy A/C with bombs and M.G's lasting about 20 minutes. A/C made 6 attempts to get in, was driven off each time by our gunfire. No casualties on board vessel which sustained slight damage.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 2115/4.)

HARLAW (British, 1141 tons.) attacked on 4/10.

1. At 1210/4 attacked in 57° 30' N. 1° 30' W. 2 bombs, one failed to explode. Opened fire with 12-pdr. and 4 L.G. No damage or casualties, A/C claimed hit.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1150/5.)

Convoy P.W.

Convoy being attacked by enemy A/C in 50° 55' N. 4° 46' W.
(Convoy, 2228/5.) (CLEVELAND, 2253/5.)
Help "Warrant" 51° 6' N. 4° 37' W.
(CLEVELAND, 2340/5.)

At 2237 VERSATILE transmitted portion of enemy bombing signal. Her transmitter then failed. Do not break W/T silence unless VERSATILE in difficulty.
(C. in C. Nore, 2355A/5 to WHADDON, VERSATILE.)

ADRIATIC.

(A/P Trawler). Reports at 2300/5 when N.W. of South Bishops being attacked by aeroplane. No damage, no casualties. ADRIATIC claims hit on plane.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 2324A/5.)

Mining.

S.N. 24A.

Arrival SCOTT.
(F.O.I.C. Port ZA, 0709A/5.)
Intend to carry out operation S.N. 24A as follows, with PORT QUEBEC and SCOTT. Air anti- S/M escort is requested from first light to noon 7th. From 058° 49'42" N. 006° 55'18" W. through 058° 53'54" 007° 02' and 058° 58'06" 006° 55'18" to 059° 02'18" N. 007° 2' W. Sail at 1900/6, lay at 0345/7, return Port ZA at 1530/7. Details.
(R.A.M., 1158A/5 and 1241A/5.)

/Humber.....

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Humber. Humber open to navigation.
(F.O. Humber, 1020A/5.)

Harwich. Port is open.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1116A/5.)

Search of Route A. Assume a search of route A between S.G one and S.G three buoys has been carried out up to 8 cables either side of dividing line together with exploratory search for T mines with negative results.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1205/5.)

Spurn Point. The following six acoustic mines were detonated today. Details.
(F.O. Humber, 2005A/5.)

Navigational.

Submerged object. SAKARA reports having hit a heavy submerged object in position 1 mile 090° from 17 buoy. No damage reported.
(VERSATILE, 0933A/5.)

Seidisfiord. Unlighted buoys dangerous to navigation in (a) 317° 1.3 miles (b) 331° 2 miles (c) 337° 3 miles (d) 341° 4.3 miles (e) 303° 4.3 miles. All from Dalatangi lighthouse Seidisfiord.
(N.O.I.C Iceland, 1027/5.)

54C. Buoy. Q.Z.H. - Harwich Area.
54C light-buoy missing from station.
(Hydrographer, 1829A/5.)

57G. Buoy. WINDSOR reports No. 57G. Buoy appears to be 250° 1.2 miles from charted position.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 2201A/5.)

Casualties and Defects.

Unknown Vessel. Automatic S O S signal heard strength 2/3 at 0833 bearing from GPK 182°.
(Port Patrick, 0835/5, 0958/5, 1038/5, 1152/5.)

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CULVER. My 2027/4. Repairs expected to be completed p.m. today. Intend to sail 6/10 for Sheerness. E.T.A. 1500/6.
(F.O.I.C. London, 1006/5.)

Shipping and Convoys.

W.S.12. BEVERLEY. STANLEY. Your 1315/4.
BEVERLEY not permitted fuel Ponta Delgada having fuelled there in August. If she cannot escort CHESHIRE's convoy she is to proceed to Londonderry at prudent limit of endurance. STANLEY act in accordance with my 1840A/3.
(C. in C. W.A., 1001A/5 to DEVONSHIRE.)

Q.P.1. LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE arriving with Convoy Q.P.1 is carrying personnel who are required to disembark at Clyde.
Request you will sail her when suitable escort is available.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1138A/5 to R.A.D.)
Admiralty's 2357A/4. When no longer required divert BLACK RANGER and ANTHONY to Hvalfjord. On arrival ANTHONY return to Scapa.
(R.A.D. H.F., 1505A/5 to SHROPSHIRE.)
Request report on arrival of Q.P.1 of any difficulties experienced with Russian merchant ships from the point of view of -
(a) communication
(b) convoy discipline.
(A.C.N.S. T., 1800A/5 to C. in C. H.F.)

C.W. Convoys. Proposed alternative Route. In view of the accuracy of the gunfire sustained by the last C.W. Convoy when between Dover and the Folkestone Whistle Buoy, and the reduced time of flight of shells fired it appears possible that a new gun of improved accuracy is in action. It is suggested for consideration that as the enemy may be firing by Chart Range an alternative route should be used for the next C.W. Convoy, either inshore of or to seaward of the existing route from the vicinity of South Foreland to No. 10 buoy, a track being swept if necessary through area No. 2 of the Dover mine barrage.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1507A/5 to C. in C. Nore, V.A. Dover.)

/Your.....

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C.W. Convoys. Proposed alternative Route. Contd.

Your 1507A/5. Pending further experience I doubt the supposition that a new battery was responsible for the reported greater accuracy of the gunfire sustained by the last C.W. convoy but as it is fairly certain that the enemy fires with the chart range the use of an alternative route would serve to throw out his calculations. Against this the normal spread of salvoes may on occasion cover the alternative route also which must be nearer the shore as it is considered that it would be a disadvantage to lessen the range by selecting a more seaward route. It is proposed therefore to experiment with a channel having a centre line running through the following positions.
(A) 51° 06'51" N. 01° 22'15" E. (Position B of Q Z S 269.)
(B) 51° 04'00" N. 01° 13'54" E.
(C) 50° 55'00" N. 01° 05'00" E. (In QZS 238.)
Dover mine barrage being deep will not affect this route. Chance of enemy mines existing in it is negligible but opportunity will be taken to carry out a search sweep two cables each side of centre line before passage of convoy. Convoy must not be inshore of channel when passing through Q Z S 186 (3).
(V.A. Dover, 1931A/5 and 0901A/6, to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
Your 1931A/5. Concur in proposed new route. N.C.S.O. Thames is requested to route C.W.53 accordingly.
(C. in C. Nore, 2212/5 to V.A. Dover.)

REMMAREN. CAPELLA. GLIMMAREN.

Cleared and sailed for Gothenburgh. Swedish Ships REMMAREN at 1530, CAPELLA at 1650, GLIMMAREN at 1810. They will R/V in 062° N. 60 miles East of Faeroes and proceed thence in company in accordance with Admiralty 1753/3rd.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes, 1820A/5.)

P.Q.2.

Cancel A.M. 1346/2 and A.M. 1856/2.
2. P.Q.2 will now consist of S.S. QUEEN CITY, TEMPLE ARCH, HARPALION, EMPIRE BAFFIN, and ORIENT CITY loading on the Clyde, and HARTLEBURY loading at Liverpool.
4. C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail ships to arrive Scapa by p.m./14th.
5. Convoy will proceed direct from Scapa to Archangel, sailing on 15/10.
6. Escort is to consist of one cruiser, two destroyers, and BRAMBLE, SPEEDY, and SEAGULL. C. in C. H.F. is requested to detail cruiser and destroyers.
7. Ships of escort should assemble at Scapa by p.m./14th.
(A.C.N.S. H., 2346A/5.)

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North Atlantic.

COREOPSIS, FLEUR DE LYS.	Steer for position 029° 00' N., 018° 00' W., at best speed. (F.O.C.N.A., 0922A/5 to COREOPSIS, FLEUR DE LYS).
French Shipping for Axis.	Information received from Chief Mate S.S. EMBLA arriving Lisbon 10/10 from Marseilles. AUSTRALIEN left Marseilles for Italy with German crew, ALSIA (?ALSINA) ditto. S.S. NOAVIA, S.S. SAINT GUILLIAUME still at Cape Janet Sud with German crew on board but will also proceed to Italy. Three of these ships came from Dakar. A.1. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon, 1035/5 to Admty).
MARON, COREOPSIS.	MARON return to Gibraltar at best speed. R/V with COREOPSIS and FLEUR DE LYS in 029° 30' N., 018° 30' W., at 2100A/5. (F.O.C.N.A., 1202A/5 to MARON, COREOPSIS). My 1202A/5. Pass through positions (a) 035° 00' N., 010° 00' W., (b) 036° 00' N., 007° 00' W. (F.O.C.N.A., 1204A/5 to MARON, COREOPSIS). Your 1202A and 1204A/5 acknowledged. E.T.A. at position 29.30 18.30., 0200A/6. My P.C. and S. are 27.24., 19.04., 14, 12. (MARON, 1500A/5 to F.O.C.N.A., etc).
Dispositions.	H.G. 74, Craft on patrol etc (F.O.C.N.A., 1340A/5) See Lion Copy.
French Shipping.	Gibraltar 5/10 0852 French Minesweeper ENGAGEANTE French ships GABRIEL GUIST, HAU STRASBOURGEOIS, PONTET CANET all laden Tug L'OBSTINE westbound. 1045 French Destroyer BOULONNAIS French ships MEDIE II laden with troops and civilians DALNY laden deck cargo barrels LIPARI light with civilian passengers eastbound. (S.O.(I) Gib., 1807A/5).

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South Atlantic.

Suspicious Ship.	Vessel sighted this morning (?similar) appearance V class B (I) passenger except masts shorter. On altering course away vessel attempted to (?close) (?then) reverse her original course. Is now hull down apparently (corrupt Group) (PANTHER (Z3KF) via Freetown W/T 0855 G.M.T./5). Simonstown 0855/5. Request confirmation call sign was BASW name PANTHER and any other information since no preceding signal indicating position etc. received Freetown. (C. in C. S.A., 1814N/5 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown) Distress signal cancelled, see 0530/6.
JUMNA.	JUMNA is to sail on completion of oiling A.M./6 by direct route to Simonstown. E.T.A. 1200Z/15. Requires to boiler clean on arrival. (C. in C. S.A., 1151N/5 to JUMNA).
VIKINGS.	Following issued with concurrence of Admiral Commanding F.N.F.L. 2. F.N.F.S. VIKINGS to proceed to Beirut. 3. Cs.in C. concerned are requested to arrange for her sailing from Simonstown on completion of her refit. (A.C.N.S. (F), 1541A/5 to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.I.)
TOM BOUCTOU (French).	Departure 5th, Point Noire 9/10. (Port Harcourt, 1805/5 to M. of W.T.)
DERBYSHIRE.	On relief with W.S.11 proceed Capetown. (C. in C. S.A., 1821N/5 to DERBYSHIRE)
Force Q.	QUEEN EMMA, PRINCESS BEATRIX, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ULSTER MONARCH, DOWDALE, ENNERDALE, have been directed to form Force Q. (C. in C. S.A., 1841N/5 to Admty).
FARNDALE, HEYTHROP.	E.T.A. at Bathurst 1630Z/6 HEYTHROP in company. Consider ship requires 250 tons oil fuel. On departure request light from 2000Z/6. (FARNDALE, 2145Z/5 to C. in C. W.A.)
Dispositions.	Weekly state. (C. in C. S.A., 2335N/5) See Lion Copy.

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Mediterranean.

Enemy Units.	P.C. and S. of enemy 033° 23' 016° 05' 250° 14 kts. at 0140A. (2) Swordfish attacking about 0245A. (Capt. S.10 0241A/5 to PERSEUS).
3 M/Vs attacked.	3 Merchant ships of convoy probably damaged or sunk by Swordfish in 033° 22' 015° 31' at 0300A/5. (Capt. S.10 0605A/5 to PERSEUS, REGENT) See 1615/5.
PROTEUS.	Your 2300B/3 approved. Return to your area. (Capt. S.1. 0901B/5 to PROTEUS).
TYNEFIELD sunk.	TYNEFIELD mined and sunk at 0700B/5 in Suez Canal at k/m. 153.3 probably blocking Canal. Mine believed laid July 12th. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 0927B/5 to Admty etc). TYNEFIELD, British Tanker 5856 tons. My 0927B/5. Mine exploded just before bridge breaking ship's back. All before this is on bottom. Stern is water borne and it is hoped that all abaft bridge is tight. There is deep water passage of 120 feet wide to east of wreck. Expected to increase this by hauling stern into African bank. Intended to resume traffic past wreck today. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 1317B/5 to C. in C. Med., etc).
THORBRYN Wreck.	My 1833B/3. Amend (4) to read 032° 04' 00" N., 024° 09' 15" E., position is approx. only. (B.S.N.O., Tobruk, 1031B/5).
Benghazi, Bardia bombed.	Night 3/4/10. 13 Wellingtons attacked shipping in Benghazi several bombs burst on quays. 3 Wellingtons bombed Bardia Harbour. 4 Blenheims bombed petrol dump about 16 miles N., W. of Bardia. Day 4/10. 9 Marylands continued attack on Bardia petrol dump about 50 per cent of bombs falling on it. 6 Marylands bombed enemy Military H.Q. near Sollum
Cyprus Raid.	Night 3/4/10. A single enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Cyprus, no casualties or damage. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1137/5).

/BALCIC.....

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BALCIC (Roumanian).	My 1202/28. BALCIC departure delayed. Unable to indicate sailing date. T.O.O. 11.59/5. (S.O.(I) Istanbul, to S.O.(I) Med).
THORN.	Proceed as in my 1110B/5 to P.34 substituting 9th and 10/10 respectively for dates given. (V.A. Malta, 1207A/5 to THORN.)
Enemy Convoy.	Convoy and escort 080° Tripoli (Libya) 20 at 1140A/5. Proceed in execution of previous orders. (Capt. S.10 1305A/5 to REGENT).
FONPAC.	Arrival 4/10 FONPAC. (Barcelona, 1309/5, to M. of W.T.)
T/B sunk by UPRIGHT 27/9.	C.A.F.O. 1278/41. (a) 27/9. (b) (?GENERALE) Class Torpedo boat on independent A/S sweeps N.W. of Messina. (c) UPRIGHT. (j) One hit, ship sank. Two destroyers arrived from westward 90 minutes later searched area ineffectively. (a) 27/9. (b) 2,000 tons M/V escorted by one small A.M.C. 5 miles N.W. of Cape Milazzo westbound. (c) UPRIGHT. (j) Missed, considered speed underestimated. (Capt. S.10 1347A/5 to Admty).
Return of aircraft to Fleet.	Your 1727/1 para (?) experience in Med., Fleet has proved that the return of aircraft to the fleet in accordance with Med., amendment to para. 15C of S.P. 02312(2) is quite satisfactory. Request information whether these rules have been adopted in force "H" and if not whether you consider they are the solution to the problem. (C. in C. Med., 1409B/5 to F.O.H.)
M/V hit by UTMOST.	C.A.F.O. 1278/41 read in 5 columns (a) (b) (c) (g) (j). 2/10, medium sized M./V in convoy of 3, escorted by destroyers northbound, 4 miles west of Marittimo. Surface attack at 0120 in poor weather with sea 45, UTMOST, 1 Mark (VIII) 2 star R.N. T.F. 12 34, hit after torpedo had run 2' 40". Second and third torpedoes not fired due to submarine diving after unseen destroyer fired Verey Lights towards UTMOST at short range. Result of hit not observed. (Capt. S.10 1421A/5 to Admty).

/THUNDERBOLT.....

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THUNDERBOLT.	Sails 1745B/5 from end of searched channel to 034° 40' 025° 26' thence area A between 037° 00' and 038° 30' and West of 025° 40' T.O.O. 1511B /5. (Capt. S.1., 1541B/5 to C.in C. Med., KIPLING)
Malta Raid.	Night 4/5. 3 enemy bombers, 2 crossed coast. Bombs in sea and on land. 4 civilian casualties. 2 Hurricanes up, no illuminations or interceptions. 1 Aircraft bombed shipping Benghazi Harbour. (H.Q. Malta, 1600/5).
TALISMAN, RORQUAL, THUNDERBOLT.	TALISMAN is to leave area A p.m./6 and keep eastward of 023° 55' proceed to patrol during daylight/7 in area within a radius of 25 miles Cape Drepano, Suda Bay. Proceed thence through -035° 39' 026° 27' and pass through Kaso Strait to eastward of line drawn 160° from this position arriving Alexandria sanctuary 0530B/11. RORQUAL proceeding to area A via Antikithera Channel is to keep to westward of 023° 55' when northward of latitude 036° on both northward and southward passage. THUNDERBOLT is routed through Kaso Strait keeping westward of line drawn 160° through position 035° 39' 026° 27'. S/Ms encountering within 60 miles Kaso Strait or Phalconera (?S/Ms) are not to be attacked unless their enemy identity is established. (Capt. S.1., 1601B/5 to S/Ms named).
A/C attack on Convoy.	7 Swordfish attacked convoy (see 0605/5) 0305 hours, results claimed: 2 M.V.s-10,000 tons and 6,000 tons left sinking, 3rd M/V 5,000 tons possibly damaged, opposition intense, accurate light flak, smoke screen ineffective. All our aircraft returned. Todays R/C confirms 1 ship missing from convoy. (Malta, 1615/5).
PHOEBE.	Your 1331/1. It is not desired that PHOEBE should call at a South American Port. Request you will amend route accordingly. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1818A/5 to C. in C. Med).
Black Sea Icebreakers.	Qmr ability to provide Russia with supplies will depend largely whether Archangel can be kept open. The extrication from the Black Sea of the two icebreakers referred to in Admiral Miles' 1919C/4 is of great importance. Can you hold out any hopes of this? (1st S.L. 1950A/5 to C. in C. Med).

/Mines

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Mines Tobruk.

Minesweeping Summary Week ending 5/10. One minelaying raid 3 parachute mines in harbour, one exploded 2 hours later, 2 parachute mines outside searched channel, one parachute mine exploded on landing ashore. One acoustic swept by S.A. No sweeping for four days, sweeping gear out of action.
(S.B.N.O. Tobruk, 2057B/5 to Admty)

ALBARO (Italian)

Reported 5/10 as being on charter to Cominisariat of Chief of Reich Air Force, Rome, presumably loading fuel for German Air Force units in Mediterranean. (D.S. 763, 7/10).

Situation report No. 155.

Western Desert. A/S Trawler KOS 21. bombed and sunk in 32.09 N., 25.17 E., [illegible], at 2130/4 while proceeding to Tobruk with D Lighter in tow. SOTRA in Tobruk hit by shell from enemy battery on 1/10 and damaged below water. Now at Alexandria expected repaired in about 14 days. GEBEL KEBIR slightly damaged by splinters in air raid Mersa Matruh P.M./3. Enemy bombing at Tobruk has increased recently.
2. Two air reports of U-boats about 60 miles N., of Bardia on 4th and 5th Oct. Destroyers now carrying out A/S hunt.
3. Red Sea. Escort operations have continued without air opposition.
4. Canal Area. Oiler TYNEFIELD sunk by mine at 0700/5 in Suez Canal, see S.B.N.O.C.A. 0927/5. Discharge of cargo commenced. Canal movements continuing without serious interference and 100 foot channel reported clear.
5. My 2212/4. Salvage of cargo of ASIS CHURRUCA proceeding and salvage of ship appears practicable.
6. Submarines (A) THRASHER has reported details of minefield laid off Benghazi on 16th and 17th and reports possible hit at 0120/13 on 500 ton ship in convoy in 31.58 N., 19.32 E., (B) TETRARCH reports 5,000 ton transport torpedoed off San Georgio Island. Aegean 2030/26 and large escorted Merchant ship torpedoed 20 miles South of San Georgio Island at 2337 /28. One hit on each but result uncertain due to counter attacks. Caique with Italian soldiers sunk by gunfire at 1820/27 six miles west of Ananes Islands. (C) TRIUMPH in Adriatic torpedoed Tanker LIRI at 0800 /13 which managed to reach Cotrone Harbour. At 0800/23 torpedoed and sank 3500 ton merchant ship off Split. On 24th off Ortona scored two hits on tanker and set her on fire by shelling when tugs arrived. Pilot Cutter also sunk by gunfire. TRIUMPH withdrew when shore batteries opened fire. (D) UTMOST scored one torpedo hit on Northbound convoy at 0020/Z in position 37.53 N., 12.05 E. (E) UPRIGHT sank Generale Class destroyer at 0900/ 27 eight miles N.W. of Cape Rasocolmo, Sicily.
7. Aircraft. Swordfish report probable hits on 3 merchant ships in Southbound convoy 33.22 N. 15.31 E. at 0300/5. (C. in C. Med., 2101/5.)

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East Indies.

B.P.17 Convoy.	0100Z/5 E.T.A. Rookafloat TAKLIWA 1700Z/9 Basra; KHEDIVE ISMAIL 1900Z/9 Basra; ROHNA 2100Z/9 Basra; VARELA 0500Z/10 Basra; SANTHIA 1830Z/10 Basra. (all troops and stores). (N.C.S.O. Bombay 0110Z/5 to Admty.)
N.O. for Tiflis Mission.	See ARMINDIA's 14438/G (T.O.O.1140Z/3) My 1520/25/9 refers. (C. in C. E.I. 0624Z/5 to Admty.)
"Q" Report INGE MAERSK.	At 0716Z/5 INGE MAERSK made Q distress message. She cancelled it 0755Z. Cancellation considered genuine. Position 024° 03' S. 036° 59' E. (C. in C. E.I., 0938Z/5 to Admty.etc.)
Caspian.	Your 1520/25. Approved subject to concurrence of C. in C. India. Appointment for Cdr.McCoombe is being issued. Information is required on following subjects:- (a) What shipping is avilable in the Caspian for discharge of (i) general cargo, (ii) oil? (b) Capacities, facilities and soundings of major ports in the Caspian. (c) Depth of Volga-Caspian Canal and maximum draught of ships reaching Astrakhan. (Head of M. 1242A/5 to C. in C. E.I.)
ALIMADAT Dhow captured.	Dhow ALIMADAT fully laden on passage Madagascar to Jibouti was captured by H.M.I.S. RATNAGIRI at 1000 G.M.T/5 off Berbera. Two Frenchmen on board. Dhow not accompanied by submarine. Full investigation of dhow being made Berbera. Nairobi informed. (C. in C. E.I., 1408Z/5 to Admty.)
Raiders.	Your 0458Z/4. My 1857/30 para.4 stated Raider F. was KANDELFELS. Raider E. is SANTA CRUZ. (D.D.I.C. 1501A/5 to C. in C. E.I.)

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China.

D'ARTAGNAN (French) — Departure 5/10 Manila. (Saigon, 0520Z/5 to D. of S.T.)

Aerodromes. — Re use by U.S. Air Forces. (Air Ministry 1604/5 to C. in C. Far East) See Lion Copy.

S.B.L.O. Singapore. — Your 0541/26 (appointment of S.B.L.O. at Singapore). Are C. in C. Far East, Governor, Singapore, and Chancellor of Duchy in agreement with this proposal? (Head of M. 2259A/5 to C. in C. China.) Reply: 0253/6.

America and West Indies.

U/Bs using Santo Domingo. — Following is Opnav despatch 2130/3. Report of unknown reliability had been received stating :- "Two German submarines of 70 series based at Dakar have made trips to Santo Domingo and have been supplied by a German supply vessel. Samana Bay, Dominican republic, is reported to be base of operations". (Opnav 0037/5 to Admty. etc.)

ST. CROIX. — ST. CROIX 0124Z/5 (See U-Boat Campaign.)

PRINCE HENRY. — Leave Bermuda 7/10 to comply with my 10220/1 as amended by my 22120/2. Proceed by direct route to R/V. (C. in C. A.W.I. 10580/5 to PRINCE HENRY)

SILVAPLANA. — Ref.1035M/13/9 from Naval Board, Wellington, SILVAPLANA not arrived. (S.O.I. Kingston J., 1244R/5 to Admty. etc.)

NORSELAND. — Panamanian Ship NORSELAND due Balboa 28/9 from Noumea not arrived. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1248R/5 to Admty. etc.)

/ACADIA

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ACADIA re escort.

Your 0940/4. Matter has been referred to C. in C. South Atlantic who has been instructed to reply direct to B.A.D. Washington, (keeping Admiralty informed) in order to save time. Will inform you of his proposed action as soon as possible. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1440Z/5 to A.L.U.S.N.A)

MONDOC sunk, suspected sabotage.

2 lifeboats S.S. MONDOC containing complete crew of 19 officers and men landed Galera Point (N.E. of Trinidad) at 0715/5. Master, Chief Engineer and Mate state: Ship loaded Bauxite in Demerara River and sailed from Georgetown a.m./3 for Trinidad. At 0145/5, position 10° (26' or 31') N. 60° 48' W. 2 explosions aft occurred, engine room filled rapidly. Master ordered abandonment, and further explosion occurred, largest in forward hold, Bauxite thrown up about 100 feet and ship broke up and sank immediately. Original crew from Home ports when loading, all known to Master. C.B. in weighted bag in chart house went with ship. Sabotage appears certain. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1615Q/5 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

T.C.15.

5th Canadian Armoured Division. Arrangements. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1731A/5 to C.O.A.C. Opnav, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa) Note. This signal was cancelled by Adty. 2133A/8.

AURANIA.

C. in C. A. and W.I. 0952Q/4 and A.M.1653A/4 A/S escort available will not be sufficient to provide protection for more ships than WOLFE, MALOJA and RANPURA. AURANIA cannot therefore be accepted and she should be retained till next suitable opportunity. Sailing of WOLFE, MALOJA and RANPURA is to be delayed pending further instructions from C. in C. W.A. amending time of R/V with A/S escort. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1756A/5 to C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C. W.A., C.O.A.C. Halifax)

INDOMITABLE.

Admty. 0005A/3. It would be much appreciated if two American destroyers could be attached to INDOMITABLE from the time of her arrival at Bermuda on 21/10 until her departure from Trinidad on 22/11. 2. Request you will enquire whether this arrangement is possible, if not we shall quite understand. (1st Sea Lord 2343A/5 to B.A.D.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

New Zealand.

German Unit.	By D/F fixed at 1736Z/4 a German naval mobile unit may be within (? 180) miles of 046° 30' S. 168° E. (N.Z.N.B. 1059M/5 to ACHILLES, etc.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

TUVA (torpedoed 2/10) LEVIS (torpedoed 19/9.)

Owing to shortage of oil due to excessive rate of consumption have had to leave convoy 0800Z/4 in 051° 05' N. 033° 05' W. course 255° speed 8. E.T.A. St. John's N.F. 1800Z/6. Have 34 survivors TUVA and 2 officers 3 ratings from LEVIS. (ST. CROIX 0124Z/5 to C.C.N.F.)

S.L.87, survivors.

Your 2236A/4. Arrival GORLESTON. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 0730A/5 to C. in C. W.A.)

S.L.87, LULWORTH's report.

Preliminary examination of LULWORTH's report of attacks on S.L.87 indicates that their success was largely due to breakdown of Type 271 due to overheating in Tropics and lack of spare valves. Applications for spares have been made on numerous occasions but none have yet arrived. Essential that Ships should carry spares. LULWORTH states efficiency of Type 271 when in proper operation was miraculous. (N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1321/5 to C. in C. W.A.)

Submarines Reported.

0026 G.M.T. etc.

A first sighting report was made at 2347/4 and again at 0026/5 G.M.T. by a German U-Boat which may have reported either ST. CROIX Convoy or O.N.20 if on Southerly route. (D.T.D. 0055Z/5 to Opnav, D.D.I.C. 0201A/5 to RESOLUTION, CATHAY.) My 0055Z/5, further enemy reports from same general area were made at 0145/5, 0225/5, 0617/5, 0840/5 G.M.T. Similar first sighting reports were also made by a U-Boat which may have been reporting O.N.21 at 0417/5 and 0516/5 G.M.T. (D.T.D., 0925Z/5 to Opnav, 0957A/5 to RESOLUTION, CATHAY.)

0417 G.M.T.
0516 G.M.T.

At 0417 G.M.T. and 0516 G.M.T. U-Boats made sighting reports which may have been of Convoy O.N.21 or WALKER or TRAIL. (D.D.I.C. 0657A/5 to KEPPEL, WALKER, TRAIL, etc.)

1026

Two submarines 45.04 N., 3.11 W. 120. (A/C duty B. 1026/5 to 19 Group.) Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. No attack. On patrol. (A/C duty B. 1045/5 to 19 Group) (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth, 1725/5.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C.1424A/5.)

/1438 G.M.T.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported - contd.

1438 G.M.T. By D/F in approx. 48° 00' N. - 49° 00' N. 32° 00' W. - 35° 00' W. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1542Z/5 to Opnav.)

1919Z. D/F bearings at 1919Z/5 indicate that German U-Boat is in the vicinity of Convoy O.G.75. (D.D.I.C. 2123A/5 to ROCHESTER.)

2208A. One S/M Bearing 270°. Distance 3 miles approx: true course 350°. My position 28.44 N., 18.43 W. (MARON, 2208A/5 to Whitehall W/T.)
My 2208. Submarine submerged. Have now met escort, my position now is 28° 55' 18° 40'. (MARON, 2245A/5 to Gibraltar W/T.)

Submarines Attacked.

By MARON. Engaging submarine. My position now 027.59, 018.39. (MARON, 0800A/5 to Whitehall W/T.)
My 0807. No change. (MARON 0835A/5.)
My 0835 S/M following my P.C. and S. 027° 52' 018° 51' 235° 14. (MARON 0855A/5.)
Engaged submarine range 6 miles, half ammunition expended: estimated one hit, forced dive, fired pattern. No damage or casualties. My P.C. and S. are 27° 47', 18° 45', 240°, 11 knots. (MARON 1015A/5.)

By A/C Am over enemy submarine in 47.52 N., 10.18 W. enemy submarine was on the surface (?course 360° 8 knots.) (A/C duty A. 0941/5 to 19 Group)
Have attacked enemy with dive bombs and estimate one hit. (A/C duty A. 0945/5) Details of attack (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth, 1400/5) See Lion Copy.
A/C sighted 2 U/Bs in 45° 04' N. 3° 11' W. at 1046/5, probably outward bound. A/C attacked U/B in 47° 52' N. 10° 18' W. course 136° at 0941/5. (D.D.I.C. 1202A/5 to S/Ms on Patrol Area A.)

By A/C. Am over enemy S/M in 47.52 N. 10.24 W. S/M was sighted on the surface and observed to submerge (?course 130° 10 knots.) (A/C duty A. 1005/5) Details (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth 1400/5, see Lion Copy) W.D. Note. Position in 1400/5 is given as 47.55 N., 10.24 W.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

The East Coast inshore route has been amended.

The Thames and Medway were closed owing to fog at 0629 and was re-opened at 1609. Shipping in the Humber were also affected by fog. Harwich was opened at 1454A.

It is reported that a Russian M.T.B. torpedoed a merchant ship north of Kirkenes at 02000 today.

Operation E.J.

KING GEORGE V, PENELOPE, MATABELE, ASHANTI, SOMALI, BEDOUIN, ESKIMO and PUNJABI left Seidis Fjord today.

British Air Operations.

Bad weather affected air operations today.

4 Hurricanes today attacked 4 Armed trawlers off Ostend, damaging two and almost certainly sinking one.

Enemy Air Operations.

A/S Trawler LORD NUFFIELD was damaged by air attack off Milford Haven at 2148 today.

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Mediterranean.

Mines are suspected at the northern entrance to the Sicilian Channel.

Libya and Western Desert.

8 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour last night.

Egypt and Canal.

Enemy aircraft attacked the Suez Canal zone last night, CARLISLE was unsuccessfully attacked in the Straits of Jubal, S.S. THISTLEGORM was sunk and SALAMAUA in the same anchorage were damaged by near miss.

Mines, believed to have been laid several months ago exploded in the Canal. Traffic was suspended this evening for 48 hours whilst the Canal was thoroughly swept.

THEOPHILE GAUTIER.

A French broadcast today states that S.S. THEOPHILE GAUTIER with corn for the Greek population has been sunk by a submarine in the Aegean, the broadcast states that she bore French colours and showed lights. C. in C. Med., knows nothing of it, but says that from what is known of the ship's activities it is a good thing if she is sunk.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Co-operation with U.S.A.

A/C in Iceland.

Your 1234A/13/9 and my 1307Q/14/9. Understand U.S. Navy intend to replace flying boat squadron now in Iceland by Amphibian aircraft during the next 2 months. (A.C.I.C. 1304/6 to Adty.)

Co-operation with Russia.

Murmansk.

Your 19030/26. Request your opinion by signal on following additional points concerning Murmansk.
(a) Anticipated frequency and scale of German air attacks on the port, together with enemy's chance of interfering with unloading facilities if and when he realises we are using the port.
(b) Existing A.A. defences and any anticipated improvements.
(c) Russian minesweeping facilities.
(d) Stocks of fuel held, and facilities for fuelling our cruisers, destroyers and minesweepers.
(1st S.L. 2357A/6 to S.B.N.O. Murmansk).

Movements.

RESOLUTION.
VERITY.
WHITEHALL.
WITCH.

RESOLUTION is to leave Greenock for Plymouth p.m./7.
2. A/S escort AMBUSCADE from Greenock. WOOLSTON from Belfast and CHELSEA from Liverpool to R.V. at dawn/8 as arranged by F.O.I.C. Greenock.
5. Cancel my 2133A/3 para. 3.
(C. in C. W.A. 0107A/7).
Detach VERITY, WHITEHALL, WITCH to Londonderry forthwith to fuel. (C. in C. W.A. 1023A/6 to RESOLUTION).
You are to D.G. range on arrival. Will you be ready to sail for Plymouth at 2200A tonight. Alternative is 24 hours delay. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1114A/6 to RESOLUTION).
Cancel my 1114. Not required to sail tonight. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1247A/6 to RESOLUTION).
Arrived Clyde RESOLUTION. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1758A/6).

PRINCE OF WALES.

E.T.A. in PRINCE OF WALES with LAFOREY, ORIBI, LIGHTNING, 1800A. (V.A.2 H.F. 0759A/6 to A.C.O.S.).
Scapa arrival V.A.2 in PRINCE OF WALES with LAFOREY, LIGHTNING, and ORIBI. (A.C.O.S. 1850A/6).

HURWORTH.

C. in C. Rosyth's 1139/5. HURWORTH sailed at 0635. (N.O.I.C. Methil 0815/6 to A.C.O.S.)

/ANTHONY.....

HOME COMMANDS.

Movements-Contd.

ANTHONY. BLACK RANGER.	Cancel my 1505/5. ANTHONY is to escort BLACK RANGER to Scapa. (R.A.D. 0930A/6 to ANTHONY).
H.32. SEAWOLF.	You are to R/V with ARCTIC PIONEER and KINGSTON CEYLONITE in 050° 31' N. 000° 41' W. at 0700/7 for escort to Portsmouth. SEAWOLF passes through 048° 50' N. 005° 56' W. and 050° 23' N. 000° 29' W. to effect same R/V as yourself at same time. Should it be necessary to amend your E.T.A. you are to do so at least 12 hours beforehand. S/Ms are not to be attacked unless their hostile identity is established beyond doubt. (Capt. S.5 0933A/6 to H.32).
SHEFFIELD. KENYA.	Arrived Clyde SHEFFIELD and C.S.10 in KENYA. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 0946A/6).
SHROPSHIRE.	Admty. 1715A/5. Suitable times of arrival Sheerness are 1600/12 and 1700/13. Speed should be reduced to 12 Knots Sunk buoy. 2. Arrangements will be made for 2 destroyers from the Nore Command fitted S.A. to R/V with SHROPSHIRE in vicinity of May Island as arranged by C. in C. Rosyth. (C. in C. Nore 1010A/6 to C. in C. H.F.)
JUNON.	Sailed 1104 JUNON escorted by WHITE BEAR. Estimated speed 10 knots. (C. in C. Plymouth 1130/6). My 1130. E.T.A. 0530/8. (C. in C. Plymouth 1246/6).
UNA.	C. in C. Nore 1426A/5. Route for UNA through Plymouth Command. (C. in C. Plymouth 1132/6). Your 1426A/5 and C. in C. Plymouth 1132A/6. Request UNA be instructed to R/V with CUTTY SARK in 180° Lizard Head 5 miles at 0700A/11. (Capt. S.3 1507A/6). C. in C. Nore 1426A/5. Route for UNA. From 180° Dungeness 2.5 miles pass through position 050° 26' N. 000° 30' E. and then steer for position (a) in C. in C. Plymouth 1132/6. 2 Hospital ships may cross UNA's track. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1903A/6 to Capt. S.7).

/ANTELOPE.....

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ANTELOPE.
NORMAN.

Proceed passing Switha 1610 today to arrive Scrabster by 1700. After embarking party referred to in Admty. 1858A/3 proceed to Seidis Fiord adjusting speed to arrive in daylight 7th.
2. On arrival complete fuel then proceed to Archangel passing through following positions.
3. To conserve fuel, passage Seidis to Archangel should be carried out at an average speed of 16 knots but speed should be adjusted to Trondhjem Jan Mayen Zenit route and Tromso Spitzbergen line during dark hours.
5. On arrival act under the orders of IMPULSIVE.
6. Convoy P will shortly proceed direct (7 knots) escorted by SUFFOLK, ESCAPADE, IMPULSIVE, and 4 minesweepers are bound for Archangel routed in accordance with Admty. 1126A/22/9. E.T.A. position Z. 0530/11. (R.A.D. H.F. 1230A/6 to ANTELOPE.)
NORMAN proceed forthwith to Seidis Fiord. Adjust speed to arrive P.M. 7th.
On arrival complete with fuel. On completion proceed alongside ANTELOPE to embark T.U.C. delegation mail and provisions. Then proceed Archangel.
(ii) ANTELOPE is to turn over all necessary instructions and is then to return to Scapa. (R.A.D. H.F. 1805A/6 to NORMAN).
Sailed ANTELOPE from Scrabster with T.U.C. Delegates to Seidisfiord. E.T.A. p.m. 7th. (R.A.D. H.F. 1815A/6).

SHEFFIELD.
KENYA.

A.M. 1936A/30.
It is intended that subject to any orders which C. in C. Home Fleet may issue, these ships will sail for Scapa on 10/10.
2. Until then KENYA should carry out necessary boiler cleaning and SHEFFIELD may be at eight hours' notice. (A.C.N.S. H. 1543A/6 to C.S.10).

C. in C. H. F. 1120Z/4. AURORA left Seidis Fiord at 1015Z/6. (A.C.I.C. 1728/6)

EDINBURGH.

Admty. 1936 /30. EDINBURGH is to proceed to the Clyde where she is to carry out the necessary boiler cleaning.
2. Subject to any orders which may be received from C. in C. H.F. it is intended that EDINBURGH should sail for Scapa a.m. 16th. (A.C.N.S. H. 1813/6 to C.S.18).

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Operations.

Operation J.W.

Hospital ship can leave Newhaven 7/10. Please indicate number of sick and wounded prisoners number of plenipotentiary personnel, number of women and children. Indicate exact time of departure from Newhaven.
-Time of departure of hosptial ships from Dieppe will be announced on this same wave length tomorrow. (German Government No T.O.O. to British Government).
Following received by 19 Gp. R.A.F. on 500 kc/s begins:- Hello England. German Government has to give the British Government important information as to exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war. Please confirm on wavelength 373 metres that you are listening.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1205/6).
Provided no message to the contrary has been received from the German Government by 2100 today Monday the signal "Carry out operation J.W." will be made.
The German Government have been informed that ST. JULIEN and DINARD will sail from anchorage off Newhaven at 0630/7 so as to arrive off Dieppe at 1130.
All times are B.S.T. (D.O.D. H. 1801A/6 and 1916A/6).
Following received by R.A.F. 19 Group on 500 k/cs Begins:- To British Govt. from German Govt. New information to British Govt.
Point One. Zone of barrage proposed by British Govt. for the course from Newhaven to Fecamp is also available for Hospital Ship on course Newhaven to Dieppe.
Point Two. German Govt. ask if DINARD or ST. JULIEN will make the course.
Point Three. The pilot will take on board at 49° 59' N. 0° 42.5' E.
Point Four. Together with the pilot Surveying Detachment will go aboard.
Point. Five. A complete list of every person aboard including the crew is to be immediately handed over.
Point Six. Wearing of cameras not allowed. German Govt. expect British Govt. to take measures in this direction.
Ends.
Reply has been made to Point Two saying that both Hospital Ships will sail. (D.O.D. H. 2026A/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth, N.O.I.C. Newhaven).
Hospital Carriers will leave Newhaven Harbour for Examination Anchorage at 0045 and 0115.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2111/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth).
Carry out operation J.W.
(A.C.N.S. H. 2214A/6).
Cancel my 2111/6. Hospital Carriers are to remain in harbour. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2359/6).

/Dover.....

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Dover Patrols.

Three M.T.B's leave Dover at 0230/7 to patrol vicinity of Bullock Buoy returning to Dover at about 0700, route via number 10 buoy each way. Two M.G.B's leave Dover at 0330/7 to patrol vicinity of South Varne buoy returning to Ramsgate at about 0730. (V.A. Dover 1745A/6).

Russian S/M's 173 and 176 reports. One 5000-ton M/V probably sunk on 3/10. One M/V torpedoed on 6/10.

MOLODKI Class 173 arrived October 5th from nine day patrol off Vardo. Nothing sighted.
MOLODKI Class 176 arrived 6/10 from patrol off Kirkeness. Following sighted. A.M./1 2 M/V's with patrol escort sailed from Kirkeness Northbound. 0730C/3. 2 M/V's with patrol boat escort sailed from Kirkeness Northbound. One vessel estimated 5000 tons attacked and hit with one torpedo. Vessel probably sunk. Submarine depth charged. 0730C/4th, 13,000 tons liner probably BERLIN and one large M/V left Kirkeness northbound escorted by 13 to 14 patrol boats. Submarine attacked liner but was forced deep by depth charges before firing and heavily hunted 2½ hours with some damage to submarine.
Motor torpedo (?boat) torpedoed one M/V north Kirkeness 0200C/6th. (B.S.N.O. Murmansk 1931C/6).

TIGRIS.

TIGRIS sailed for patrol Svaerholthavet and entrance Porsanger and Lakse Fiords route 072° 10' N.
TIGRIS will not have any check on H.S. routine number after 0001/15 unless extract from S.P. 02318(1) to cover D.G's carried can be signalled. Reasons. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1931C/6).

British Air Activity.

Plymouth A/A Defences.

A.248 6/10 Reference Air Ministry. 1600/5. R/C with Naval authorities Plymouth by Balloon Command now completed and scheme agreed by me. My letter FC/S21770/Air of 5/10 in post. Balloon Command to instruct local representative. (H.Q.F.C. 1055/6 to 10 Group.)

Escort.

Expect escort of 1 Catalina at dawn. (C. in C. W.A. 2118A/6 to EDINBURGH).

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Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy. — One Aeroplane over Convoy "Service" in 50° 43' N. 4° 57' W. (KRAKOWIAK 0001/6).

POLLY M. (British, 380 Tons) attacked on 27/9. — At 1445/27 POLLY M. attacked by A/C in 50° 1' N. 5° 43' W. No damage or casualties. A/C claimed hit. Tracers seen to enter fuselage which was smoking heavily when a/c made off. Three attacks, all bombs wide. Vessel was flying balloon. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1240/6).

Shetlands. Skaw bombed on 5/10. — At 1542/5 a Junkers 88 approached the Station at Skaw from the North at 3/400 feet, dropped a stick of 4 bombs, 3 of which exploded, and machine-gunned the Station. There were no casualties and only slight damage to the telephone system. The A/C made off in an easterly direction. Fire was not opened on the enemy as the attack was a complete surprise, no plots having been obtained until 1559. (S.O.I. Lerwick 1307/6).

Mining.

Sweep of Channels. — One cruiser with 2 destroyers will probably be on passage South on 12 or 13th October.
(ii) Every endeavour is to be made for Q.Z.S. 289, 277, 287, 286 and 261 to B.8 buoy to be swept previously for magnetic mines for 2 cables West of centre line in those places where depth of water is less than 15 fathoms.
(iii) N.O.I.C. Sheerness is requested to arrange similar special sweeping of N.W. half of Q.Z.S. 285 from B.8 Southwards and Q.Z.S. 185.
(C. in C. Nore 1054A/6).
Confirmation of enemy minelaying. A. Off Grimsby, Two at 0200/6.
B. Flamborough Four, Spurn Point Two, on night 4/5 October 2005/5. (D.M.S. 1140A/6 to Air Min).

S.N. 16C. — Intend laying surface field S.N. 16C with WELSHMAN and MANXMAN unescorted sailing p.m./8th and laying from 057° 32' N. 000° 41' 30" W. to 057° 25' 24" N. 000° 50' 30" W. a.m./9th. Fighter escort will be required from first light until about 1300/9. (R.A.M. 1307A/6).

S.N. 24A. — Departure PORT QUEBEC and SCOTT.
(N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1912/6).

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Navigational.

Fog.

Port of Harwich closed owing to fog.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 0603A/6).
Thames and Medway closed. Sweeping delayed owing to fog. (X.D.O. Sheerness 0629/6).
Port of Harwich open.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1454A/6).
Cancel my 0629. Thames and Medway now open.
(X.D.O. Sheerness 1609/6).

Iceland.

My 1027/5. All buoys except E. for Eddie now removed. (A.C.I.C. 1229/6).

Casualties and Defects.

BRIGHTON.

Check valve joint has blown out causing loss of 20 tons of feed water. Am unable to distil sufficient water to keep at sea for more than 48 hours. Am returning to Clyde to effect repairs. (BRIGHTON 0015A/6).
Arrived Clyde BRIGHTON with defects.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1759A/6).

LAFOREY.

At 0400/6, hit underwater object, limited investigation while under way indicated serious damage to Asdic directing gear. Docking is necessary. (Capt. D.19 0734A/6).

AVRA
(Collision
25/9).

A.C.O.S. 1058A/20/9 and Admiralty 0034A/30/9, It is not intended to hold an inquiry locally into loss of AVRA. (C. in C. Rosyth 0932/6).

T.L.C. 29.

Sailed for Inverness. Port engine out of action.
(N.O.I.C. Invergordon 1054/6).

CULVER.

Tilbury departure CULVER. (F.O.I.C. London 1322/6).

LANDGUARD.

My 2145A/4. Machinery further examined. Subject to satisfactory trial on Saturday ship should complete on 12/10. (F.O.I.C. London 1816A/6).

DERUYTER.

Vessel believed to be DERUYTER, went ashore in fog at 2230 at Stein Head by Whithorn in 54° 42' N. 4° 21' W. West Kirkcudbright lifeboat proceeding out to assist.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer 2314B/6).

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Shipping and Convoys.

HIGHLAND PRINCESS.	Sailed U.K. 30/9 with following personnel on board. Total 1387. 2. These personnel will disembark at Halifax except a few who will remain on board for disembarkation at New York. 3. After disembarkation Halifax, vessel should proceed to New York to load for U.K. (D.S.T. 0133A/6).
Convoy C.W. 53.	My 1931A/5. Amend last sentence to read:- Convoy must not be inshore of channel when passing through Q.Z.X. 186 (3). (V.A. Dover 0901A/6).
OTTINGE.	Government stores for Gibraltar in F.N. 28 for E.C. 83. (N.C.S.O. Humber 1115/6).
O.S. and S.L. Escorts.	Escorts of O.S. and S.L. convoys are not to fuel at Ponta Delgada unless absolutely necessary. (C. in C. W.A. 1127A/6).
E.C. 83.	Your 1050A/6. Concur. (C. in C. Rosyth 1210/6 to C. in C. Nore).
"Snowflakes" for Convoys.	Commencing with O.N. 24, M/V's in all outward bound convoys will be provided with 16 Snowflakes. (C. in C. W.A. 1250A/6).
E.C. 82. QUANTOCK. VIMIERA.	Cancel my 2233/5. Sail at 1600 to-day Monday and carry out Duty A, subsequently escorting F.S. 14. (C. in C. Rosyth 1500/6 to QUANTOCK). Cancel my 2235/5. Remain with convoy. (C. in C. Rosyth 1501/6 to VIMIERA).
H.G. 74. S.L. 88.	It is proposed to unite H.G. 74 and S.L. 88. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange and address signals to both convoys. Joint Convoy to be addressed as H.G. 74. (D.T.D. 1601A/6).

/Atlantic.....

MOST SECRET.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys-Contd.

Atlantic Convoy Routes.

Your 1226/28th Sept and A.M. 1145A/13 Sept. and 1150A/13 Sept. Under the terms of Plan 4 the routes of all convoys which enter the U.S. side of the Atlantic must be agreed with U.S. Naval authorities at Washington prior to issue. Your 1226/28 was not received in Admiralty until 12 hours after vessels had sailed. In similar circumstances in future Admiralty should be asked for a route and this will then be passed to you after concurrence has been received from Washington. (A.C.N.S. T. 1643A/6 to A.C.I.C.)

East Coast Inshore Route.

The East Coast Inshore Route has been amended. Copies of the new route are being distributed from Southend.
The new route will come into operation on 9/10 and Admty. N./2/217 of 15th May, 1940 is then to be cancelled.
The word"standard" has been ommited from the Inshore route and the description "Standard Routes" will be reserved for Convoy Routes. (D.T.D. 1839A/6).

Slow ships in Convoys.

Attention is called to Admiralty Message 0001/1/5 Sec. I. Par III as amended by amendment No. 32 and Sec. II Par I as amended by amendment No. 29.
Cases have recently occurred of ships which have been declared speeds of less than nine knots being sailed for inclusion in an O.S. Convoy. (D.T.D. 2111A/6).

S.C.45.

Warmest congratulations on bringing your Convoy S.C. 45 safely to U.K. (C. in C. W.A. 2228A/6 to Capt. E.C. Denison, R.N.)

H.X. 151.

Warmest congratulations on the safe arrival of your convoy H.X. 151. (C. in C. W.A. 2246A/6 to Ad. A.J. Davies.)

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GERMANIA (German).	My 1635/16. All preparations for departure are now complete. May leave any night. (Teneriffe, 1150/6 to Admty).
TRUANT.	If desired TRUANT could carry out 5 days patrol in Cagliari or Marittimo area while on passage to Malta. (F.O.C.N.A., 1210A/6 to C. in C. Med).
COREOPSIS.	COREOPSIS 1049A/6. (N.T. in W.R.) COREOPSIS is to proceed Funchal to make good defect then proceed Gibraltar. COREOPSIS pass to MARON. (F.O.C.N.A., 1302A/6 to MARON etc).
PORPOISE.	On entering N.A. Station report P.C. and S. of A. Onward route position P, 038° 00' 010° 30' Q 036° 35' 009° 00' to R, 350° Spartel 10 miles for inward escort. T.B.R. arranged. (F.O.C.N.A. 1336A/6, to PORPOISE).
26th M.L. Flot.	Adty. 1656A/26, not to R.A. Coastal Force or N.O.I.C. Bathurst. Intend sailing 26th M.L. Flotilla to Bathurst On 9/10 escorted by AZALEA, SPIREA. (F.O.C.N.A., 1526A/6 to C. in C. S.A.)
Las Palmas, fuel.	Your 1336A/2.* Stocks of oil fuel held Las Palmas. (Las Palmas, 1630/6 to Admty). * Re fuelling of LADY SHIRLEY at Las Palmas.
Rescue Tugs.	Dutch Tug THAMES and Tugs referred to in Admty. 2321A/29 are Rescue Tugs. Request reports in accordance with C.A.F.O. 1672/41 may be rendered as necessary. (D.T.D., 1648A/6 to F.O.C.N.A.)
O.21 Report.	Cavoli, no shipping observed. Shipping, indicated by burning of Timone point (?light) leaving Terranova (Sardinia) after dark arriving swept channel at daylight. Course 030° to Italy. Small convoy escorted by 1 torpedo boat, SANR FRENCH 3500 tons 1230/3 leaving swept channel. My position 2000A, 037° 42' N., 001° 25' E., course 246° E.T.A. 0733A. (O.21, 1800A/6 to F.O.C.N.A.) Your 1800A/6. Adjust speed to pass through 037° 00' 000° 30' W., at 0700A/7 Q at 1700/7 thence through 036° 25' 002° 55' 036° 23' 004° 20' at 10 knots. Accurate navigation essential owing to believed presence of U-boat and daylight bombing restrictions. ARK ROYAL exercising with aircraft west of Alborin day 7th. (F.O.C.N.A. 2208A/6 to O.21)

/LE TRAIT.....

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

LE TRAIT. (Contd).	Arrival 3/10. (Lisbon, 1803/6 to D. of S.T.)
Fuel for Spanish Navy.	Minister of Marine asked me today to press for consideration Navy's fuel needs. Stocks are down to practically nothing and ships will soon be immobilized. I pointed out this was not our fault. Matter reported to H.M. Charge d'Affaires and oil expert now here. I am asking for figures of naval requirements and stocks. (N.A. Madrid, 1816/6 to Admty).
LINDA (Danish).	Detained at Las Palmas by Spanish authorities and engine parts removed on instructions of Danish Legation, Madrid. (Las Palmas, 1830/6) See Lion Copy.
Italian S/M.	My 1644A/3. Another Italian S/M has passed through from Atlantic to Mediterranean probably on 1/10 or 2/10. (F.O.C.N.A., 1850A/6 to C.O.I.S. Alexandria).
SPES.	German ship SPES arrived San Sebastian 5/10 from Bilbao with iron ore, left with same cargo for Bayonne 6/10. (V. Consul, San Sebastian, 1930/6).
French Shipping.	Gibraltar 1800/6 French survey vessel SENTINELLE French ships CARTHAGE FORMIGNY VILLE D'ORAN, TUNIS, all full with deck cargoes French trawlers MONT CASSEL, LOUP DE MER, JOSEPH ELISE all full eastbound. (S.O.(I) Gib., 2011A/6 to Admty etc.)
0.24	0.21 reports shipping leaving Terranova (Sardinia) after dark and arriving swept channel at daylight. Course for information 030°. Timone light burning when shipping moves. No shipping observed off Cavoli Island. (F.O.C.N.A., 2236A/6 to S/M 0.24).

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PANTHER "Q" Report.	Confirm cancellation of your distress signal by making a coded message by W/T now T. (Freetown, W/T 0112G.M.T./6). Cancel my (?distress signal) 0855 G.M.T./5. (Freetown W/T 0530 G.M.T./6 to Admty).
VIMY, WILD SWAN.	Your 1321N/4 (N.T. in W.D.) not met. My P.C. and S. are 14.41 N., 19.06 W., 001° 18 knots WILD SWAN in company. Weather. (VIMY, 0300Z/6 to C. in C. S.A.) My 1300Z (?0300Z) Pending further instructions at 1600N VIMY turns back at 18 knots. WILD SWAN continues route in your 1321N/4 at 14 knots. At 2000N VIMY again steers 001° 14 knots. My position 1600N., 015° 51' N., 019° 14' W., intend resuming southern course at 0800N/7 if not met. (VIMY, 1700Z/6 to C. in C. S.A.)
PANTHER call sign.	Your 1814/5 (requesting confirmation of Call sign BASW) (1) Call sign BASW confirmed. (2) Signal letters ZSKF in respect of PANTHER cancelled by Union P.M.G. February 1935 and at present allocated to INGE MAERSK. (3) Position given in NR30/556 to Freetown at 0807/5 with delivery instructions pass to Admiralty. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown, 0722Z/6 to C. in C. S.A.)
GUARDIAN, VALKYRIEN.	Simonstown departure 0624Z/6 GUARDIAN by route R I for Mauritius, E.T.A. 0500Z/13. (ii) Capetown departure tug VALKYRIEN with tank barge C 380 in tow by (?route) passing 5 miles south of Cape Agulhas for Durban E.T.A. a.m./B/11. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 0853Z/6). In view of your 1318/4 not to Admty., or N.O.I.C. Mauritius, GUARDIAN intends to proceed direct to Trincomalee from Mauritius. E.T.A. (?Trincomalee) 0300Z/22. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 0857Z/6 to C. in C. E I.)
CORDELIA, NORSE, KOS XI, KOS X.	Cancel my 1040Z/5 CORDELIA arrived p.m./5 NORSE a.m. /6. (ii) My 1621/4. KOS XI and KOS X have returned to Durban A.M. today owing to engine defects of KOS X. (N.O.I.C. Durban, 0859Z/6 to Admty).

/B.D.V.s.....

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B.D.Vs.	Departure 6th B.D.V.s JENNET, PUNNET, RENNET, for Simonstown via Lobito. E.T.A. Lobito P.M./13. Will require 250 tons coal sailing 14th E.T.A. Simonstown 26th. (D.of N.M. Lagos, 0900Z/6 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown).
MARIA L.	Overdue shipping, cancel my 1225/4, MARIA L arrived Durban. (S.O.(I) Capetown, 0915/6 to Admty, etc).
NIEUW ZEELAND, W.S.11 X.	Your 2224/1. NIEUW ZEELAND after embarking Lascar and Chinese survivors at Capetown has been sent to Durban to embark personnel for Malaya additional to those embarked in JOHAN DE WITT. Ship will be included in Convoy W.S.11. X. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown, 1013B/6 to D. of S.T.)
Visit to Bassam.	Your 1801N/29. Request Portuguese Govt. informed proposed H.M. Motor Launch visit Bassau. No objection. (N.A. Lisbon, 1539/6 to C. in C. S.A.)
Visit to Rio.	Your 1731/4 (N.T. in W.R.) Visit by corvette approved. No Brazilian submarines at sea. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1611Z/6 to F.O.S.A. Sqdn).
-ALCANTARA expedition.	Expedition embarked. Investigation completed. E.T.A. 1430Z/10. Weather. (ALCANTARA, 1705Z/6 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown).
Territorial Limit.	Neutrality commission at Rio de Janeiro have issued recommendation to American countries extending territorial waters from 3 to 12 miles. (S.O.(I) Montevideo, 2245Z/6 to Admty).

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Mediterranean.

THEOPHILE GAUTIER and OUED YQUEN sunk.

Vichy Ministry of Marine announces that French liner THEOPHILE GAUTIER was sunk by a submarine in the Aegean on Saturday,(4/10) Most of the crew and passengers were rescued, but two were killed and 18 are missing.
Although the attacking submarine is described as "unidentified" the Ministry implies that it was a British vessel in the official announcement, which states:-
'THEOPHILE GAUTIER was ordered to return to a French port with a cargo of tobacco. In order to protect her from British submarines, whose recent aggressions cost the French merchant marine the tankers CAPITAINE BALIANI and ALBERTA and the cargo vessels OUED YQUEM and MONBELET the Ministry of Marine agreed to allow the THEOPHILE GAUTIER to join an Italian-escorted convoy.
It is believed that THEOPHILE GAUTIER was particularly watched, and that the British Navy swore not to allow THEOPHILE GAUTIER which took part in the defence of Syria, to return to France"
Another official announcement issued in Vichy says that the French steamer OUED YQUEM was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Tyrrhenian Sea. All the crew were rescued. The official announcement says that the submarine was not identified, but adds, that it is presumed that it was British. (The Times, 7/10/41) See Mediterranean 1313/7.

PERSEUS mined area.

PERSEUS reports (i) dangerous area due to mines within a radius of one mile from a position 299 belt light 10 (ii) Convoy route passing through 315 belt 60 course 330.
(Capt. S.1. 0745B/6 to REGENT).

HERMIONE suspected mines.

HERMIONE reports loss of paravane between 2000/27 and 0030/28, probably by anti-sweeping device.
(ii) Paravane towing wore (?wire) also coupled with signs of having fouled mine mooring on same route during (?passage).
(iii) Suspect mines between 037° 41' N., 011° 37' E., and 037° 27' N., 011° 56' E.
(S.O. Force H., 0931A/6 to V.A. Malta).

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Suez Raid. Egypt 5/6. About 5 enemy aircraft attacked Suez Canal zone, 3 bombs dropped at Suez caused no damage or casualties. 3 Hurricanes patrols from Ismailia. No interceptions. 1 enemy aircraft flew over Cairo and dropped 1 bomb on North west corner Helwan aerodrome. No damage or casualties.

Benghazi bombed. Western Desert. Night 4/5. 17 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour, fire and explosion caused on ship near Italian Mole and large explosion on 4000 ton wreck at outer Mole. Further bombs fell on quays and Moles near other ships.

Bardia bombed. 2 further aircraft attacked Benina aerodrome and Barce.
4 Blenheims bombed enemy dump in Wadi Sciuemra west of Bardia. Day 5/10 9 Marylands continued attack on Bardia dump.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1149/6).

Cyprus Raid. Cyprus. Night 4/5, 5 or 6 enemy aircraft dropped bombs near Myrtoi and in sea of Agheila. No damage or casualties. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1149/6).

Request for Oiler. My 1810B/1 to Admiralty only and S.B.N.O.C.A. 0927/5. Request one oiler load approx. 2000 tons Diesel oil for early arrival Mediterranean station. (C. in C. Med., 1203B/6 to Admty).

PERSEUS. Cancel my 1821B/3. Proceed Malta as routed by Capt. (S) 10. (Capt. S.1., 1401/6 to PERSEUS)
Capt. (S)1's 1401/6. Proceed through 35° 00' 16° 10' 35° 51' 15° 15' 36° 00' 14° 53' to arrive off Marsamxett Harbour 0630A/8. P.34 arrives after daylight 8th from Northwest.
(Capt. S.10 1604A/6 to PERSEUS).

U/B rammed by HERMIONE 2/8. Your 1215/1. Capt. S.8 has examined other articles recovered and states that they are definitely of foreign origin and probably Italian. (ii) It is possible that conning tower of submarine carried away without causing vital damage to pressure hull. Spraying of compass platform with Diesel oil suggests however that this is most improbable and that pressure hull must have been struck at 28 knots. (S.O. Force H., 1414A/6 to Admty).

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U/B rammed by HERMIONE 2/8. Contd.

Your 0535A/4. Divers have recovered following gear, part of submarine which HERMIONE rammed.
(a) Streamline rated steel stanchion and steel stay attached which appears similar to ensign staff stem in Jane's photograph of CORRIDONI class submarine.
(b) 27 feet 1¼ steel jumping wire fitted with 2 porcelain insulators glazed blue, suggest this may give indication of nationality of submarine.
(c) HERMIONE took away what appeared to be part of submarine trunking.
(V.A. Malta, 1435A/6 to Admty).

Turkey.

Chiefs of Staff No. 180.
Re question of command of British forces sent to Turkey. We would appreciate your views.
(1st S.L. 1513A/6 to C. in C. Med).

Tripoli bombed.

Night 5/6 9 Wellingtons attacked shipping Tripoli Harbour. Total flying time 38 hrs. 48 mins. Time over target 2147 - 2355 hours. Direct hits on large Oil Tanker left blazing visible 50 miles away. Hits or near misses on 2 other M/Vs and Group of Lighters near West Quay side. Results difficult to observe owing to smoke from burning tanker. Burning oil over considerable part of Harbour.
(H.Q. Malta 1715/6 1720/6).

ATLAS (German) COETLOGON (French).

Departure 6th ATLAS Genoa.
Departure 5th COETLOGON French.
(Barcelona, 1716/6 to M. of W.T.)

Suez Raid. THISTLEGORM sunk, SALAMAUA damaged.

4 enemy aircraft passed southwards over Suez Canal area night of 5/6 and 3 are known to have returned northwards. (2) One Focke Wulf made 3 unsuccessful bombing attacks on CARLISLE in anchorage F, inner channel (?Straits of) Jubal. THISLEGORM bombed and sunk, and SALAMAUA damaged near miss, both in same anchorage. Some casualties in THISTLEGORM.
(S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 1745/6 to Admty).
My 1745/6. CARLISLE now reports aircraft probably H.E.111 (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal 1904B/6).

Suez Canal Mines.

Mines at k/m 18.0. By records laid raid on 7/5 detonated at 1128B/6 by hopper BLUE POLARITY.
(S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 1801B/6 to Admty).
Two mines believed to have been laid nearly three and five months ago have exploded in Canal within 24 hours. Intend to suspend traffic for 48 hours while Canal is thoroughly swept.
(S.B.N.O. Suez Canal 1847B/6 to Admty etc).

/My.....

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Suez Canal Mines. Contd.	My 1847B/6. Possibility of recent minelaying by saboteurs has been considered and laying from bank or over a ship's side or stern ruled out. Is it considered reasonable to suspect minelaying from a ship specially modified to allow minelaying from below water line? (S.B.N.O. Suez, 2021B/6 to Admty).
ROBERTS, EREBUS.	Your 2320B/4. Confirm that both ROBERTS and EREBUS will be sent to Mediterranean. Not possible to give precise dates of departure, but hoped both ships will be ready to sail about mid-November. (A.C.N.S. (H) 1810A/6 to C. in C. Med).
KOS 21. (sunk 4/10).	My 2101/5. KOS 21 hit by bomb which passed through boiler and burst under ship. Ship sank in 7 minutes in 032° 09' N., 025° 17' E., at 2130/4. Survivors have reached Tobruk and Mersa Matruh. Only known fatal casualty Sub. Lt. (E) A. Hogson, R.N.V.R. missing. All S.Ps. and C.Bs. in steel chest thrown overboard in deep water. No risk of compromising. (C. in C. Med., 1820B/6 to Admty).
PROTEUS defect.	Have defect on telemotor to foreplane. Propose leaving area P.M. today and proceeding Alexandria by route your 1841B (?2nd). (?PROTEUS, 1925B/6 to Capt. S.1.)
Missing M/Ls.	Your 1050/27/2/1941 (N.T. in W.R.) M.L.'s 1003 & 1037 not on board S.S. CITY OF ATHENS which arrived Suez last April. Suspect shipped in S.S. EMPIRE SONG and subsequently lost in convoy off Pantellaria. Confirmation requested. (R.A. Alexandria, 2035B/6 to Admty) Confirmed lost in EMPIRE ENDURANCE see 1858/8.

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East Indies.

NARAN PASHA. Captured.

Dhow NARAN PASHA captured when attempting escape from Djibouti on 2/10 in approx., 11°38' N.,43° 16' E., and taken to Zeilah. Dhow had taken 60 tons food stuffs to Djibouti from Madagascar, during which voyage she was not escorted by a submarine but was commanded by French Naval Commander who was not on board at time of capture.
(C. in C.E.I., 0532Z/6, to Admty.)

Blockade of Jibuti.

Governor Aden's tel. 154 to? you not to C. in C. Mediterranean or Admiralty action proposed by Governor may conform to the spirit of the Prime Minister's instruction to pursue the blockade of Jibuti with extreme severity but I doubt if it is the best policy to pursue in view of the fact that the Imam and Crown Prince are apparently not in accord. It is not clear why we should not act strictly in accordance with International Law. (A) Why should we sink dhows full of food? Surely it will be better to confiscate (seize in prize) both dhow and cargo. (B) Why should we intern the crews? They will only be a nuisance. As C. in C. Med., is shortly taking over Red Sea Command request you will obtain his views.
(C. in C.E.I., 0920Z/6 to G.H.Q.M.E. for Min.of State.)

Station Limits. R.N.Air Section, Aden.

C. in C. Mediterranean 2240/4, I concur in these proposals. Re para. (b), I am awaiting a reply to my suggestion to transfer R.N. Air section from Aden to Mombasa (see my 1310/23/7.)
In event of it being decided this section is to be retained at Aden I assume that it will remain under my control.
(C. in C.E.I., 1036Z/6 to Admty.)

Persian Bases.

As there seems little prospect of a final agreement with Persians for some time you should proceed unobtrusively with development of base facilities, etc., proposed in your 0938/4 (not to Admiralty) being guided where applicable by Minister Teheran telegram No. 13 (Repeated Admiralty in my 1056/4.)
(C. in C.E.I., 1046Z/6 to S.N.O.P.G.)
Approved. (Hd. of M., 1248/9.)

/Port T.....

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Port T. Your 1847/1 and my 0620/3. W/T silence is being maintained at Port T as far as is practicable.
(2) Reserve block delivery groups are being used for W/T Guardship Port T.
(3) In order to preserve secrecy of anchorage for as long as possible intend above arrangements should continue for the present.
(4) Due to W/T restrictions personnel at Port T are at present denied facilities for sending private telegrams and certain administrative delays and inconvenience are likely to arise. Desirable therefore to modify restrictions as soon as location of port T need no longer be regarded as secret.
(5) Request Admiralty promulgate necessary code and cypher groups concerned with the anchorage as soon as Admiralty considers need for secrecy can be relaxed. Delivery groups for both base W/T ship and code and cypher room will be required, also one three-letter non-confidential call sign.
(C. in C.E.I., 1102Z/6, to Admty.)

Q message, INGE MAERSK. My 0938/5, cancellation received in code at 1050Z/6.
(C. in C.E.I., 1254Z/6, to Admty.)

D.E.M.S., Aden. Ref. S.N.O. Red Sea's 0702/26/9, containing message from Adm. Dreyer, a D.E.M.S., Staff is being allocated to Aden. 200 ratings for shuttle service can be made available by end of October but in view of limited number of machine guns available in U.K. for all services, information is requested as to how many can be provided for this shuttle service from those forwarded in accordance with C. in C.Med.'s., 1242/24/6 and A.M. 1242/24/5 or from other local sources.
(D.T.D. 1356A/6, to C. in C.E.I.)

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China.

S.B.L.O. Singapore.

Your 2259/5, Govenor of Straits Settlement and C. in C.F.E., agree. Chancellor of Duchy was not consulted and has now left for India.
I have no doubt that if consulted he would agree.
(C. in C. China, 0253Z/6, to Admty.)

Allied Shipping.

Policy in area 4, cancelling my 0813/22/10/1940.
(C. in C. China, 0313Z/6)
See Lion Copy.

America & West Indies.

Shipping Routes.

Reply to Admty., 1536/14/9, re ships sailing from Caribbean Ports.
(C. in C.A.W.I., 1031Q/6 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

Refitting of DIANTHUS and GLADIOLUS.

Your 1729Z/3. Approved.
(D.O.D.(H)1151A/6 to C.C.N.F.)

A.M.C.'s.

My 1551Q/17/9 and my 1131Q/1/10.
Request when decision is likely to be reached regarding employment of remaining A.M.C.'s of North Atlantic Escort Force. I am concerned about effect on crews of continued inaction.
(C. in C.A.W.I., 1231Q/6 to Admty.)

PICTOU defects.

PICTOU 1900A/4. Request PICTOU be sailed with next available O.N.S. convoy after repairs have been effected. Grateful for early information expected departure.
(C.C.N.F., 1243Z/6, to A.C.I.C.)

Sourabaya, floating dock.

Your 1401/3. Concur in favouring this project on strategic grounds. Before proceeding confirmation is requested that the availability of Lease-Lend funds to us will not be prejudiced and that no interference will be occasioned with our own supplies of a similar nature.
(A.C.N.S.(F)1307A/6 to B.A.D.)

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MAYFLOWER. MAYFLOWER out of provisions. Has 34 survivors on board. Heavy sea running. Cannot supply. Is proceeding to St. Johns, Newfoundland. (ALBERNI, 1630Z/6, to C.C.N.F.)

Canadian Minesweepers. Request following Canadian built BANGOR Class Minesweepers may be sailed in pairs on completion to St. Johns, Newfoundland, for onward routeing in S.C.or other suitable convoy to Scapa calling at Iceland (C) for oil fuel.
2. On arrival at Scapa ships should be sailed to Port Edgar for M/S working up practices and thence to Tobermory for A/S working up practices.
3. The first eight vessels to arrive in British waters will be formed into 17th M.S.F., and will operate at Milford Haven.
4. Vessels referred to in paragraph 1 are:- BAYFIELD, CANSO, CARAQUET, GUYSBOROUGH, INGONISH, LOCKEPORT, FORTYORK, PARRSBORO, QUALICUM, SHIPPIGAN, TADOUSAC and WEDGEPORT. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1714A/6 to N.S.H.Q.Ottawa, A.C.O.S.)

Dutch Ammunition in U.S.A. Netherlands Naval Authorities have ordered reserve 4.7" ammunition to be manufactured in U.S.A. Only ship available to carry out tests of this ammunition is VAN KINSBERGEN. Request you will arrange (i) direct with Netherlands N.A., Washington for VAN KINSBERGEN to visit an American port to embark the ammunition and (ii)VAN KINSBERGEN to carry out trials. (A.C.N.S.(F)1929A/6, to C. in C.A.W.I.)

ROODE ZEE AMERICAN. Your 1532Q/3. ROODE ZEE may be retained for the present but in view of acute shortage of ocean going tugs and good endurance of this tug which makes her suitable for East Indies station request you will approach Canadian Authorities with a view to obtaining suitable tug to replace her. Tug AMERICAN will not now be sent.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 2208A/6 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

CANDYTUFT. Arrival PRUDENT with CANDYTUFT in tow.
(S.O.I. Halifax, 2223½/6.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

SAN FLORENTINO. (torpedoed 1/10.) E.T.A., 0730/7. BURWELL, COBALT, GALT, BUCTOUCHE, BRANDON in company. ALGOMO detached to rescue survivors of SAN FLORENTINO on crossing 2/10 has not rejoined. (BROADWAY, 1015Z/6 to A.C.I.C.)

LAPWING. (torpedoed 24/9.) PETREL CORTES. L.W. Lambert fireman believed to be the sole survivor from British S.S.LAPWING torpedoed 24/9, when rescue ship with H.G.73, landed Belfast P.M. 6/10 by LEITH. LAPWING had survivors from S.S.PETREL and S.S.CORTES on board. (N.O.I.C.Belfast, 1839A/6 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported.

1519/4. H.M.T. COMMODATOR reports S/M in 55° 42' 25" N., 1° 34' 30" W., at 1519/4. Unverified. Grading C.3. (Capt. M/S, Granton, 1115/6, to Admty.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C.1418A/6.)

2153/5. 2106/5. D/F bearings at 2153/5 indicate U-Boat within 60 miles of (? 012°) 30' N., 018° 30' W.D/F bearings at 2106/5 indicate U-Boat within 100 miles of equator and 001° 30' E. (C. in C.S.A., 1521N/6 to S.A.Sqdn.) Position at 2106 questioned, see 1213/7.

White Sea. White Sea staff reports U-boat patrol is maintained near 069° N., 042° 50' E. (HARRIER, 2128C/6 to Admty.)

1620. By D/F position of enemy U boat was 068° 14' 040° 38', reliable fix. Admty., pass to SUFFOLK, HARRIER. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 2129C/6.)

1947Z. D/F bearings indicate a U-boat in approx., 47° 30' N., 22° 30' W. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2305Z/6 to Alusna.)

Iceland. Postmaster at Borgar Fiord reports submarine sighted several times to-day at Brunavik 0650° 33' N., 0130° 38' W., graded C.3. (A.C.I.C., 2359/6.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Harwich was closed at 0610A today on account of fog. The movements of shipping in the Thames Estuary and on the East coast were considerably affected.

British Air Operations.

Bad weather affected operations today.

Mining.

Operation S.N.24 A.

PORT QUEBEC and SCOTT laid mines today north west of the Butt of Lewis.

Owing to suspected minelaying by enemy aircraft all Bristol Channel ports except Swansea and Port Talbot were closed at 0025A until 1207A. One mine was detonated. The ports were closed again at 2059.

South Atlantic.

Raider Search.

BIRMINGHAM is to operate near the new focal area of shipping round Abrothos on completion of a sweep near Trinidada. The two corvettes LAVENDER and BERGAMOT visited Rio today for 24 hours to advertise their presence there and then work in the same area.

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Mediterranean.

The situation as regards sinking at sight areas in the Western Mediterranean is clarified by a signal to the Admiralty from F.O.C.N.A. today, making certain proposals.

TALISMAN at 1156B today reported that she had attacked two merchant ships escorted by two destroyers and aircraft in 35° 45' N., 24° 8' E., (off the north coast of Crete) and obtained one hit.

A Maryland at 0700 today machine gunned a submarine off Syracuse; the submarine, which returned the fire accurately, remained on the surface for 20 minutes steering 270°.

2 Fulmars patrolling Sicilian aerodromes last night bombed the hangars and slipway at Marsala.

Libya and Western Desert.

8 Wellingtons attacked shipping at Tripoli last night. A direct hit was obtained on a 10,000 ton merchant vessel.

7 Wellingtons attacked shipping at Tripoli from 2143 to 2335. Several hits were obtained on a merchant ship, which was left on fire (from later R/C the ship apparently sank) and a number of lighters were destroyed.

Air raid on Piraeus.

23 Wellingtons last night attacked fuel containers, warehouses and shipping in Piraeus Harbour. Extensive fires were caused and bombs also fell either on or near small Naval craft in harbour.

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America & West Indies.

The U.S. Authorities are asked to instruct their merchant ships to report for our information if they are stopped by an enemy raider or if they sight any enemy warship.

It appears from Admty., 2123A/7 that the 3 months refuelling rule is still in force in the U.S.A.

U-Boat Campaign.

Oil Refinery SVEND FOYN was torpedoed at 1431 in 60° 37' N., 21° 44' (or 30') W. She was ahead of H.K. 152 to which she belonged and carried 16,000 tons of oil fuel and a deck cargo of aircraft. The ship proceeded to Iceland under her own steam, and later in tow of SALVONIA.

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Policy

S/M Spare crew at Polyarno.

Your 1433A/24. Is it intended that spare crew and repair party who took passage to Polyarno in T Class Submarine and are borne in TITANIA, remain for S Class submarine.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1501C/7 to F.O.S.)

6 A/S Trawlers for Belfast and H.F.

New Commitments necessitates a redistribution of A/S Trawlers. SWORD DANCE and TANGO and four other A/S Trawlers are to be transferred from Harwich to Belfast as soon as practicable.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1709A/7)
New Commitments necessitate a redistribution of A/S Trawlers. Six large Trawlers with good endurance are to be transferred from Belfast to C. in C. H.F. Prior to sailing Trawlers will be fitted for cold weather.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1710A/7.)

Co-operation with U.S.A.

Working up in U.S.A.

A. It would be a great help to us if general permission could be obtained for all Classes of ships to work up in U.S.A. after refitting there.
B. It is not necessarily intended that every ship should work up fully at U.S. bases. Ships returning to U.K. with only part complement would for example need only short working up period. Ships returning direct to their War Stations, e.g. WARSPITE and DIDO, would probably require to be fully worked up in U.S.A.
C. Reason for this need is present lack of adequate facilities of our own at Bermuda and Esquimalt or in West Indies. U.S. facilities at San Diego and Hampton Roads are presumably very superior to anything we can provide.
D. Although this would involve departure from adherence to 3 months' refuelling rule, this might be got round by regarding working up practices as extension of refits in the nature of trials of material.
E. Request you will approach Navy Department on this matter.
(1st Lord 2123A/7 to B.A.D. Washington)

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Co-operation with Russia

Kola Inlet. A/S Defences.

(A) A/S nets have been placed in following positions. Details.
(B) A/S and torpedo booms are in place across north west and eastern entrances to Polyarno harbour.
(B.S.N.O. Murmansk, 2211C/7)

Communications

S.B.N.O. Murmansk's 1931/6. Propose as follows from 0001G.M.T./15.
(D.S.D. 2316A/7 to F.O.S.)

Murmansk

Admty. 2357A/6. Present military situation and defences. Details.
(B.S.N.O. Murmansk 2309C/7) See Lion Copy.

Movements

BEAUMARIS

My 1940A/6 cancelled owing to visibility.
(N.O.I.C. Blyth, 0700/7)

NORMAN ANTELOPE

My 1850A/6. Intend NORMAN to sail from Seid (? is) Fiord a.m. 8th routed through following positions to Archangel. S. of A. 18 knots. NORMAN is not to take part in operation referred to in C. in C. H.F's 1305Z/4.
(R.A.D. H.F. 0930/7 to NORMAN)
E.T.A. 1900 G.M.T./7th. (NORMAN 1629/7 to A.C.I.C)
Arrived Seidis Fiord ANTELOPE and NORMAN
(A.C.I.C. 2345Z/7)

TIGRIS

F.O.S's 1424A/24. (? 1433/24). Intend to sail TIGRIS for Holy Loch approx. 26/10.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1011C/7.)

C. in C. H.F.

Scapa arrival AURORA. (A.C.O.S. 1014A/7)

ICARUS

My 1158A/6. Delayed. (F.O.Humber, 1416A/7)

RESOLUTION (CHELSEA)

Your 0107A/7. CHELSEA will not be available owing to delay in undocking.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1510A/7)

/UNA.....

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Movements-Contd.

UNA

(1) Intend to sail CUTTY SARK at 1900A/9. to R/V with UNA in 180° Lizard Head 5 miles at 0700A/11 and escort her to Clyde.
(2) N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter co-operation as follows.
(Capt. S.3. 1601A/7)

LONDON

E.T.A. Scapa 0730/9.
(LONDON, 1835A/7.)

KENYA
SHEFFIELD

Following received from C.S. 10 begins. Intend sailing KENYA and SHEFFIELD for Scapa at 1000/10 E.T.A. Scapa 0800/11.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1928A/7.)

O. 10.
Z. 5.

O. 10 escorted by T.B.Z. 5 left Rothesay at 2200A/7 bound for Tobermory and may be met during the night.
(C. in C. W.A. 2356A/7 to Escort E.C. 81.)

Operations

Operation "E.J."

Following left Seidis Fiord MATABELE, ASHANTI, SOMALI at 1135Z/6. BEDOUIN, ESKIMO, PUNJABI at 1710Z/6. KING GEORGE V at 1711Z/6. PENELOPE at 2000Z/6.
(A.C.I.C. 0103/7.)

Operation "J.W."

Cancel A.M. 2214A/6. Hospital Carriers are to remain alongside until further orders.
(D.C. 0130A/7.)

British Air Operations

Operation "J.W."

A. 781 7/10. Air Min. A 653 dated 3rd Oct. and A. 694 dated 5th Oct. para. (B). For 7 Oct read 8 Oct. (Air Ministry 0850/7.)

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Enemy Air Activity

LORD NUFFIELD (A/S Trawler) damaged on 6/10.

LORD NUFFIELD damaged by near misses off Milford Haven 2148/6 repairs estimated 8 days. No casualties.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1401A/7 and 1756A/7)

Mining

Bristol Channel.

Owing to suspected minelaying all Bristol Channel Ports are closed until further orders.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 0025A/7)
Add to my 0025A/7 except Swansea and Port Talbot.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 0057A/7.)
My 0025A/7 and 0057A/7. Bristol Channel ports are now open to traffic.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1207A/7.)
Owing to suspected minelaying Bristol Channel ports are closed.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff 2059A/7.)
My 2059A/7. Ships may be sailed to Westward only from Swansea and Port Talbot. "Steward" group may be sailed from Barry Roads at 0700/8 but no other sailings from Barry are to take place until further orders. Sweeps operate ahead of "Steward" group.
(F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 2238A/7.)

Sweep by 9th and 13th M/S Flotillas.

My 1247A/2. These ships have returned to Portsmouth.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1500A/7.)

S.N. 16 C.

Intend to carry out S.N. 16 C. as follows provided fighter escort is available. WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. Fighter escort as arranged by C. in C. Rosyth from dawn till 1600/9. If air escort continues West of Pentland Firth aircraft to be warned that ships will fire at smoke bursts. Positions. Sail 1900/8, lay 1000/9. Return Port Z.A. 0115/10.
(R.A.M. 1607A/7.)

S.N. 24 A.

Arrival PORT QUEBEC and SCOTT.
(N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1650/7.)

/Rosyth Area.....

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Mining-Contd.

Rosyth Area — One Red mine detonated 6/10 in 126° 1 mile Lime Kiln Rock. Possibly laid 8.4.41. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1655/7.)

Navigational.

Fog. — Port of Harwich closed owing to fog. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 0601A/7.)

River Thames, Lighting instructions. — Following measures to be put into force as from commencement of official night on 10/10 and apply until further notice to River Thames. Details. Existing restriction on movement of vessels to Eastward of Scars Elbow at night remains. P.L.A. requested to inform interests concerned. (F.O.I.C. London, 1200/7.)

Ice. — R.A.F. report loose iceberg along coast from 068° 08' N., 030° 14' (West?) to Scoresby Sound. Occasional ones out to sea. Large number of icebergs in Scoresby Sound drifting towards open sea. No ice north of Scoresby Sound. (A.C.I.C. 1715/7.)

Casualties & Defects.

DERUYTER (Grounded 6/10) — My 2314/6. Vessel now refloated, proceeding to Isle of Whithorn. (N.O.I.C. Stranraer 0110/7.) Vessel apparently damaged. Master proceeding to Isle of Whithorn for temporary repairs. (N.O.I.C. Barrow, 0951A/7.)

TARANTELLA (A/S Trawler) — Arrived Aberdeen damaged in collision with trawler. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen, 1135/7.)

WRANGLER Sunk on 6/10. — (Salvage Vessel) Struck a rock in dense fog afterwards sinking at 2315/6 in 57° 33½' N., 1° 43½' W. All crew landed unhurt and sent to Peterhead. (N.C.S.O. Aberdeen, 1710/7.)

/OPHELIA.....

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Casualties & Defects-Contd.

OPHELIA (M/S - A/S Trawler)	Have OPHELIA in tow. Her boiler requires dockyard repair facilities. Intend proceeding with her to Reykjavik unless I receive other instructions. (ACTIVE, 1820A/7.)
DE JONGE JOCHEN.	Left Fleetwood at 1030/3 for Clyde. E.T.A. Clyde, 2230/3. Has not arrived Clyde. Request information. (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 2255/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

Shipping & Convoys

LEINSTER	LEINSTER is due Liverpool 8/10. Number of personnel on board is not known. (D.S.T., 0726A/7.)
SOBIESKI	My 0733/3. Date of arrival now probably 10/10. (D.S.T. 0727A/7.)
DUCHESS OF BEDFORD.	My 0732/3. Date of arrival now probably 10/10. (D.S.T. 0728A/7.
W.S. 12 Z.	Proposed arrangements. Details. (D.S.T. 0729A/7) See Lion Copy.
T.C. 14.	Admty. 1137A/5. Request date of T.C. 14 leaving Halifax and probable date of arrival in Clyde. (R.A.M. 1131/7.) Your 1131/7. Probably sail p.m./9. Arrive Clyde p.m./17. (C. in C. W.A. 1612A/7 to R.A.M.)
W.P.B. 47.	Sailing of W.P.B. 47 cancelled owing to suspected minelaying. (N.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1133A/7.)
O.S. 9. O.S. 10. O.S. 11. Corvettes.	My 1615A/13/9. (1) Owing to delays in completion, following is revised programme of sailings:- (A) HOLLYHOCK with O.S. 9. 13/10. (B) FREESIA, VERBENA with O.S. 10 23/10. (C) ORCHIS with O.S. 11 2/11 (2) If other escort requirements from U.K. arise, first opportunity will be taken of sailing corvettes. (3) In view of this delay you may consider that you should delay sailing of MIGNONETTE, ANCHUSA, CALENDULA. (C. in C. W.A. 1219A/7 to C. in C. S.A.)

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O.S. 9.
O.S. 10.
O.S. 11.
Corvettes-
Contd.

My 1230A/10/9.
1. Special group C. escorting O.S. 9 EGRET S.O. BANFF FISHGUARD from Londonderry. HOLLYHOCK from Greenock. COMMANDANT DOMINE from Liverpool.
2. HOLLYHOCK is to be detached to fuel at Ponta Delgada then rejoin and proceed with convoy to Freetown. She is to exercise sweeps as convenient on passage.
(C. in C. W.A., 1220A/7.)

CANTON
WOOLSTON

C. in C. Portsmouth 1913A/6 and my 0107A/7.
1. WOOLSTON is to fuel at Plymouth.
2. If CANTON can be delayed, C. in C. Plymouth is requested to sail WOOLSTON to relieve BLENCATHRA p.m./9 in vicinity of Eddystone.
3. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to arrange R/V.
4. WOOLSTON is then to escort CANTON to Clyde and return to Belfast.
(C. in C. W.A. 1234A/7.)

E.C. 83 M.
F.N. 29 S.

My 1200/29/9. EC 83 (M) and F.N. 29 (S) both postponed 24 hours.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1320/7.)

EMILE BAUDOT

Will be ready to proceed 10/10. Request destination. SOUTHERN SHORE available to escort if necessary. (A.C.I.C. 1448/7)

W.S. 12.

Following ships sailed 30/9 from U.K. Destinations and loadings. Details. (D.O.D. F. 1451A/7.) See Lion Copy.

O.N. 23
H.X. 153
ZAAFAREN

My 1304A/7. On relief in position S. remaining 2 Corvettes and 2 trawlers are to proceed R/V which will be signalled later with H.X. 153 and turn ZAAFAREN over to convoy. They are then to carry out sweep 20 miles ahead H.X. 153 until M.O.M.P. is reached.
(C. in C. W.A. 1643A/7 to MALCOLM, 1644A/7 to Admty.)

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O.N. 24. (Ship carrying explosives hit by bomb.)	Admty. 1328/12/4. O.N. 24. LOCHKATRINE and ATLANTIAN. (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1730/7 to Admty.)
S.C. 45.	Met as arranged. About 24 hours late. Continuous gales. Two stragglers. All ships now arrived. (D.T.D. 1819A/7 to Opnav.)
E.C. 83. CULVER.	LOWESTOFT is to take CULVER under his orders and, visibility permitting, leave Sheerness on completion of swinging of both ships to overtake E.C. 83. LOWESTOFT is then to carry out orders contained in my 1006/5, and CULVER is to act as additional escort to E.C. 83 as far as Cape Wrath. (C. in C. Nore, 1924A/7.)
F.S. 13.	WALLACE's 2215. As Convoy F.S. 13 will pass area dangerous from E-Boats during daylight, am leaving QUORN only as additional escort. (Capt. D. 16 2247/7.)

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General.

Raiders. Intelligence. (Admty., 2035A/7) See Lion Copy.

North Atlantic.

GERMANIA (German). Ready to sail Teneriffe, may leave any night. (F.O.C.N.A., 0827A/7 to N.A. Stn).
Your 0827/7. It is important to intercept GERMANIA if practicable.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 1627A/7 to F.O.C.N.A., F.O.C.N.A., 1824A/7 to EAGLE).

Sinking at Sight. Your 1047/3 and previous signal. In order to clarify situation regarding sinking at sight areas in Western Mediterranean propose following arrangements should come into force forthwith.
(A) All ships except those mentioned in paras (B) and (C) are liable to be sunk at sight if to eastward of line joining (i) Franco - Italian Boundary 043° 47' N., 007° 32' E. (ii) 041° 00' N., 007° 30' E., thence line running 30 miles from the W., of Sardinia Coast to (iii) 180 Spartevento Cape 30 (iv) 360 Bon Cape 3.
(B) French M/Vs. whose position and course indicate they are proceeding between France and Corsica or vice versa or trading on Corsica Coast.
(C) Vessels carrying approved cargo for Switzerland Govt. Such vessels will be issued with route at Gibraltar and will be guaranteed safe passage provided they adhere to route ordered. Switzerland Govt. to be responsible for giving adequate warning for ships leaving Italian ports.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1058A/7, to Admty, amended 1832A/7).

SILVERBELLE. Re search for. (F.O.C.N.A., 1102A/7) See U-boat Campaign.

P.31 Onward route positions (P) 038° 00' 010° 30' (Q) 036° 35' 009° 00' (R) 350° Spartel 10 for inward escort.
Report P.C. and S. of A. on crossing 043° N., T.B.R. arranged.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1136A/7 to P.31)

/EAGLE.....

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

EAGLE.	E.T.A. position (p) 1800A/8 VIMY not met. WILD SWAN requires fuel. Propose to detach her 9/10 to proceed to Funchal, Madeira. Passed to DUNEDIN. (EAGLE, 1245Z/7 to F.O.C.N.A.) See also 2025/7. Your 1245Z/7 not to Admty. Owing to lack of fuel at Funchal WILD SWAN is to fuel at Las Palmas. Permission is being obtained for WILD SWAN to fuel there on 9th. -(F.O.C.N.A., 2352A/7 to EAGLE).
NORD ATLANTIC (German)	U/B reported alongside. (R.O. Vigo, 1310/7) See U-boat Campaign.
NELSON.	Can it now be stated when NELSON will be ready to leave Gibraltar? (A.C.N.S. (H) 1932A/7 to F.O.C.N.A.) Reply: 2018/8.
VIMY.	My P.C. and S. are 020° 14' N., 019° (?40') W., 004° 19 knots. 3/5 fuel remaining. Intend altering to 030° at 2230N in position O and thence proceeding along to R/V with WILD SWAN at 0600N. (VIMY, 2025N/7 to EAGLE).
GURKHA.	Not met. Am turning at sunset to reach position 035° N., 026° W., at 0900A/8. Request P.C. and S. of convoy. Weather report. (GURKHA, 2029A/7 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Gibraltar attacked by 1 - man S/M 20/9.	Your 1930A/29. (A) Your views requested on following further points:- (1) Possibility of attack having been carried out from Spanish Main land. (2) Any conclusive evidence of collaboration between attackers and agents in Spain. (3) Whether passage under Viaduct to North Mole is adequately closed. (4)Possible advantages of flood lighting entrances to a distance of two or three cables radius. (b) Meanwhile, following further measures for security are recommended:-

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North Atlantic.

Gibraltar attack by 1 - man S/M 20/9. Contd.

(1) That as far as possible gates should be kept closed at night whenever conditions are favourable to attack and importance Fleet units are in harbour.
(2) Provision of a number of armed boat patrols inside harbour when weather is suitable for attack. Very small boats are recommended such as dinghies or canoes.
(3) All approved additions to net defences to be pressed on, Admiralty being informed, and what additional facilities you consider necessary.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 2282A/7 to F.O.C.N.A.)

O.G. 75 Escort.

Your 1922A/7. FORESIGHT, FURY, FORESTER, LEGION, LIVELY sailed 2330A/7 routed through 035° 40' N., 010° 00' W., speed 20 knots to R/V with O.G. 75 before dark 9/10. (F.O.C.N.A., 2322A/7 to Admty).
My 2322. Ships sailed.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2358A/7).

MARON.

Pass through 035° 30' N., 006° 40' W., thence Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 2328A/7 to MARON).

South Atlantic.

S.S. PANTELIS.

Due Capetown 2/10. From U.K. Not arrived.
(S.O.(I) Capetown, 0845B/7).

WELLINGTON, STORK.

Your 1405/6 and my 1645/4. Escorts are not to fuel Ponta Delgada unless absolutely necessary. If necessary for WELLINGTON and STORK consideration should be given to fuelling WELLINGTON (?from) STORK and then sending STORK to fill up at Ponta Delgada. (C. in C. S.A. 1215N/7 to WELLINGTON).

/GERMANIA.....

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GERMANIA (German)	Your 1627/7 (see North Atlantic). Request further information about sailing of GERMANIA and that this may be repeated to S.O. Force F. (C. in C. S.A., 1645N/7 to Admty.) Your 1645N/7. No further recent information. (D.D.I.C. 2233A/7 to C. in C. S.A.)
CHANTILLY.	Sailed U.K. 3/10 in convoy O.S.8. Details. On arrival Durban ship will have vacant accommodation for approx. 1150. Suggest ship be included in appropriate C.M. convoy and embarked to capacity. It is intended to retain vessel on service in Indian Ocean. (D.O.D.(F), 1755A/7 to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.I.)
R.A.F. West Africa.	Summary of directive to Air Cdre. E.A.B. Rice, A.O.C., R.A.F, West Africa. (Air Ministry 1820/7 to 95 Sqdn., Head of M. 1755A/8 to C. in C. S.A.) (See Lion and Tiger Copies.)
Falkland Islands.	Further consideration to defence measures. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2006A/7 to C. in C. S.A.) See Lion Copy.
B.N.L.O. Belgian Congo.	Governor-General, Belgian Congo, at Leopoldville asks whether B.N.L.O. West Africa (Cdr. Fitzgeorge) could also act as B.N.L.O. Belgian Congo. I agree. 2. Understood Free French at Brazzaville have no objection. 3. Request formal concurrence of Belgian and Free French governments be obtained and that Cdr. Fitzgeorge's appointment be amended accordingly. (C. in C. S.A., 2001N/7 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

THEOPHILE GAUTIER.

French broadcast dated 6/10 states THEOPHILE GAUTIER with corn for Greek population was sunk by S/M in Aegean. Broadcast states that she bore French colours and showed lights. 2. Request immediate information if you were informed of this ship's passage by International Red Cross or any other authority.
(V.C.N.S., 0038A/7 to C. in C. Med.)
Your 0038/7. No information whatever received of intended movements of this ship. She was last heard of at Salonika in ? August and no intelligence or R/C reports have been received that she had left. In view of what is known of her it is a matter of satisfaction that (? she is) sunk.
(C. in C. Med., 1313B/7 to Admty.)

QUEEN OLGA.

My 1010/2. Greek Destroyer QUEEN OLGA delayed 3 days to transit canal on 9th. Amend programme accordingly.
(C. in C. Med., 1111B/7 to Admty.)

Passage of ships from Black Sea by Russians.

Your 1305/5 (T.O.O. 1919C/4 as circulated Admty.) There seems to be no reason, provided Turks will co-operate, why these ships should not make passage through Aegean under Turkish colours as was done in the case of EOCENE and Greek ships from Istanbul. N.A. Ankara would give his assistance and experienced officers could be sent to Istanbul to conduct passage. (ii) It should, however, be made clear to Russians that these ships cannot be met and escorted from Dardanelles, though all possible protection would be afforded once clear of Aegean.
(iii) Operation is not feasible without full connivance of Turks which will certainly be difficult for Russians to obtain. Suggest Adm. Kelly be given full details and asked to take matter up with Turkish General Staff who might even be able to handle it without reference to Turkish Foreign Office.
It appears advisable to base request rather as assistance to our war effort then to Russia in view of Turkish distrust of latter.
(C. in C. Med., 1125B/7 to Admty.)

/COVENTRY.....

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Mediterranean - Contd.

COVENTRY. Intend following programme for COVENTRY: Depart Alexandria p.m./8, arrive and depart Suez 9th, arrive and depart Aden 13th, arrive p.m./18. COVENTRY should be used to escort two Merchant ships through Gulf of Suez dangerous area. Fuel required at Suez and Aden. Maximum speed about 18 knots in fine weather due to temporary bows.
(C. in C. Med., 1127B/7 to Admty.)

Suez Shipping Attacked, M/V sunk. Egypt. My A.897, 6/10, para. 1. Enemy aircraft also attacked shipping in Gulf of Suez on night 5/6. 1 aircraft apparently a Focke Wulf sank a 4748 ton M/V in Straits of Jubal. Another aircraft, reported as twin-engine, bombed and machine-gunned 2 ships off Ras Gharib starting fire on one. Fire extenguished in 20 minutes. No casualties reported. Aircraft reported damaged by return fire from ships. No aircraft of F.A.A. detachment Hurghada operated.

Benghazi, Bardia bombed. Night 5/6. 8 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour bombs bursting on Juliana Mole. 6 Blenheims attacked M.T. workshops Bardia.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1152/7.)

Enemy Units attacked by TALISMAN. 2 Destroyers 2 M/Vs. air escort course 331° speed 7 knots in 035° 45'30" N. 024° 08'30" E. One hit.
(TALISMAN, 1158B/7 to Capt. S.1.)
2 M/Vs. escorted by 2 destroyers and aircraft attacked by TALISMAN (details as 1158B/7.)
If encountered attack but primary object mine-laying.
(Capt S.1., 2021B/7 to RORQUAL.)

French Ships. Departure 6th COETLOGON French Sete, arrival 7th ST. BRIEUC French.
(Barcelona, 1246/7 to D. of S.T.)

TORBAY. TORBAY sails 1600B/7 routed from end of searched channel through position 033° 22' 023° 06' and 033° 22' 021° 50' thence carried out special operation.
(Capt. S.1., 1545B/7 to C. in C. Med.)

/Enemy.....

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Enemy Shipping. It is suggested that 4 valuable merchant ships 1500 to 3000 tons may be expected at 032° 08' 020° 04' in next few days, one at least is likely to arrive from North.
(Capt. S.1., 1821B/7 to REGENT.)

PHOEBE. My 1331/1 and your 1818/5. Cancel programme for PHOEBE and substitute as follows: Alexandria, leave 12/10; Suez 13/10; Aden 16/10; Mombasa 22-23/10; Durban 26-28/10; Simonstown 30/10; Freetown 6-7/11; Trinidad 14-16/11; New York arrive 20/11. PHOEBE to report number in addition at Saint Helena if considered necessary.
(C. in C. Med., 1825/7 to Admty.)

U/B. Ionian Sea patrol. 0700 hours 1 submarine off Syracuse remained surface 20 minutes though machine-gunned by Maryland, returned fire accurate, course 270° speed 10 knots.
(H.Q. R.A.F. Malta, 1830/7.)

Tripoli bombed, M/V hit. Night 6/7. 8 Wellingtons attacked shipping Tripoli 2135 to 2245 hours and 2345 to 0135 hours. 27,900 lbs. bombs dropped also pamphlets. 1 direct hit 10,000 ton Merchant Vessel. Many hits observed Spanish Quay also near Karamanli Mole and barge moorings.
(H.Q. Malta, 1839/7.)

U/Bs. A report graded B.3. states that two German U-Boats left Messina for East Mediterranean on 1/10.
(D.D.I.C. 2221A/7 to C. in C. Med., etc.)

E-Boats. There appears to be surface craft activity in the vicinity of Malta thought to be E-Boats.
(Capt. S.10, 2315A/7 to PERSEUS, P.34.)

ELIZABETH HENDRICK FISSER. (German) Expected sailing tonight 7th with iron ore for Genoa.
(Valencia T.H.I. 2330/7 to D. of S.T.)

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East Indies.

Persian Gulf. Re minesweeping requirements.
(C. in C. E.I., 0644Z/7 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

Jibuti. Letter from Governor.
(G.O.C. in C. East Africa to C. in C. M.E., for Minister of State, 0404/7.)
See Lion Copy.

R.N. Air Section Aden. My 1310/23/7 para. (c) proposed transfer of R.N. Air Section Aden to Mombasa. Preliminary (investigation ?) port shows suitable site at Reitz and Air H.Q. East Africa offers fullest co-operation including hangars. Request earliest approval (1) for transfer to Mombasa (2) for Air Ministry Works Directorate East Africa to undertake all work on Admiralty behalf. On transfer facilities would be increased as proposed in para. (c)
(C. in C. E.I., 0754Z/7 to Admty.)

ISIS. S.N.O.R.S. 1541/20/9. Amended programme for ISIS:- leave Colombo, 6/10, Penang, 11-12/10, Singapore, arrive 13/10.
(C. in C. E.I., 1400Z/7 to C. in C. China.)

THURSOBANK. Have you any news of THURSOBANK due Basra 29/9 from Durban?
(D.T.D. 2007A/7 to N.C.S.O. Basra.)

China.

N.E.I. Navy. Dutch warships Rhio Archipelago - Netherlands Minelayer GOUDEN LEEUW will be replaced by Netherlands Minelayer WILLEM VAN DERZAAN on 8/10 remainder in Dutch waters.
(Capt. O.S. Singapore, 0718Z/7 to Admty., etc.)

/Minefields.....

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China - Contd.

Minefields. Reply to Admty. 1015/29/8, re maintenance.
(C. in C. China, 0833Z/7)
See Lion Copy.

BERNADIN DE ST. PIERRE (French) Departure 10/10 Haiphong.
(N.C.S.O. Shanghai, 2353Z/7 to M. of W.T.)

Philippines. Reports on visit to Manila.
(C. in C. Far East, 0500/7, 2131/7.)
See Lion Copy.

America and West Indies.

"R" Reports from U.S. M/V's. Of great assistance to us if U.S. Merchant Vessels had instructions to report if they were stopped by an enemy raider or if they sighted any enemy warship. Pretext would be the necessity to take early steps while still practicable to ensure help arriving to rescue passengers and crew if ship should be sunk as was the ROBIN MOOR. Suggested that the report should be on 500 kc/s either in P/L or in a simple code of which the U.S. Authorities might supply us with copies. Request you will approach Navy Dept. on this matter.
(1 S.L., 0640A/7 to B.A.D.)

PRINCE HENRY. Bermuda departure PRINCE HENRY in accordance with my 1058Q/5.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 0903Q/7 to Admty.)

U.S. Patrols. Your 0409Z/6 (Dutch Naval views on U.S. Coast Patrols) concur.
(C. in C. A.W.I., 1223Q/7 to C. in C. China.)

/MANCHESTER.....

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MANCHESTER. Very approx. date of completion early March 1942 dependent on receipt of gear from U.K. If bent shafts cannot be satisfactorily straightened and new have to be made date may have to be extended. Request dates of delivery in U.S. of following be given to enable refit programme to be planned. 1. Port outer stern tube casting. 2. Plummer bearings. 3. Port outer tail shaft.
(B.A.R.M., 1242R/7 to Admty.)

Corvette Refits in U.S.A. On completion of GLADIOLUS and DIANTHUS in November it may be possible for facilities for refit in U.S.A. now available to R.N. Corvettes to be made available also to Canadian Corvettes of Newfoundland Escort Force. If such arrangements are desired and can be made it is suggested that two of the Canadian-manned R.N. Corvettes might be selected to follow GLADIOLUS and DIANTHUS.
(Hd. of M., 1346A/7 to C.N.S. Ottawa.)

CANDYTUFT. C.C.N.F. 1754Z/29. Amend date of arrival to read 10/10.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax, 1527Z/7 to B.A.R.M.)
Amended again to 11/10. (2040Z/8.)

Sink at Sight Zone, Pacific. Request report whether any reply can now be made to my 1055/19/8.
(Head of M. 1604A/7 to B.A.D.)
Reply: 0935/8.

PRIMROSE, NASTURTIUM, POLYANTHUS. Your 1604R/24/9. PRIMROSE and NASTURTIUM are urgently required to sail from St. Johns N.F. with a convoy escort on 25/11. Request if possible they may be sailed from Charleston accordingly. POLYANTHUS also badly needed for same escort. Request whether she will be completed in time.
(C.C.N.F., 1744Z/7 to B.A.R.M.)

ST. CROIX, SAGUENAY. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 1635Z/6. ST. CROIX has been ordered to join C.T.3 forthwith and escort to Halifax. SAGUENAY arrived St. Johns N.F. for fuel and intend to retain her unless otherwise ordered.
(C.C.N.F., 1937Z/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Tugs from.....

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Tugs from Canada.	Your 1806Z/4. Concur that tugs should be sailed to Julian Haab. Further signal will be made regarding onward escort to Iceland (C) and U.K. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2003A/7 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)
TUVA.	Re signals heard before torpedoing. (C.C.N.F., 2044Z/7.) See U-Boat Campaign.
Ships Refitting U.S.A.	Your 1706/3. Request report number and category of ratings utilised for (a) Minesweepers building in Canada, giving names of vessels. (b) St. Johns N.F. Base. (c) Catlin. (d) Fast Merchant Vessels. NEWCASTLE should have arrived fully manned. Request approx. deficiencies in her complement on arrival. Requirements for DIDO will be sent to Halifax leaving U.K. 15/10. (D.P.S. 2155/7 to B.A.R.M.)
Manning of U.S. Merchant Ships.	Gleam No. 145. (Washington, 2159R/7 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
Service Personnel for Halifax, Trinidad and Jamaica.	Desired to sail one troopship for Halifax N.S. and two large ships, both carrying service personnel and passengers, one for Trinidad and the other for Jamaica from the U.K. with the A/S escort which will meet T.C.15. 2. Request you ask American Authorities if they would agree to provision of escort across the Atlantic from the M.O.M.P. possibly using A/S escort from T.C.15. 3. The two ships bound for Trinidad and Jamaica would part company and proceed independently to their destinations from 60° W. 4. Speed of the slowest ship 15 knots. (1st S.L., 2327A/7 to B.A.D.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

SILVERBELLE (torpedoed 22/9.)

My 1421/4. Is there any further information of SILVERBELLE?
(C. in C.S.A., 0306/7, to F.O.C.N.A.)
Your 1622/6. (Re search for SILVERBELLE, believed towed by LADY SHIRLEY. N.T. in W.D.) No. Catalina will search route on a.m./8, between Las Palmas and LADY SHIRLEY position contained in your 1421N/4. Request EAGLE's aircraft may also carry out search.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1102A/7 to C. in C.S.A.)

I.C.WHITE. (torpedoed 27/9.)

17 Survivors I.C.WHITE landed ex DELNORTE to-day and 15 reported to be in VELMA LYKES due later to-day. Full report will be telegraphed when statements concluded.
(R.O.,Rio de Janeiro, 1414/7, to S.O.I., Freetown.)

SVEND FOYN.

Following has been read - 60.37 N., 21.44 W. SVEND FOYN torpedoed.
(Liverpool W/T, 1431/7.)
Ex-Convoy H.X.152 (D.O.R. 8/10.)
SVEND FOYN, British oil refinery, 14,795 tons, New York for Mersey, left Halifax 28/9.
S.S.SVEND FOYN torpedoed 1531/7 in 60° 37' N., 21° 30' W.
(D.D.I.C. 1612A/7 to KEPPEL, VENOMOUS, BROKE, MANSFIELD,etc.)
Note difference in position.
Course to Iceland.
(SVEND FOYN, 1530/7, to Wick Radio.)
Proceed with NORTHERN DAWN, LADY ELSA MAN-O'-WAR to assistance of SVEND FOYN torpedoed in 060° 37' N., 021° 44' W., at 1431/7 G.M.T.
(C. in C.W.A., 1549A/7 to DIANELLA, SUNFLOWER.)
SVEND FOYN. DIANELLA and SUNFLOWER and trawlers have been ordered to her assistance.
(D.T.D. 1745Z/7 to Opnav.)
At 1530/7, SVEND FOYN reported she was steering for Iceland.
(D.T.D. 1800Z/7 to Opnav.)
SUNFLOWER detail two trawlers to escort SVENDFOYN to Iceland remainder of force R/V with H X 152 in accordance with previous orders. A.C.I.C. is requested to relieve trawlers on SVEND FOYN as soon as possible from 10th A/S Group and provide air escorts.
(C. in C.W.A., 1843A/7 to SUNFLOWER, A.C.I.C.)
I am escorting SVEND FOYN to Iceland LADY ELSA in company. My position at 1800Z/7, 061°16' N., 021° 22' W., course 345° speed 9½ knots. Capt. says he can get in under own steam but would like tug to stand by. DIANELLA,NORTHERN DAWN, MAN O'WAR searching for U-boat. Weather report. (SUNFLOWER, 1930A/7, to C. in C.W.A.)

/Addressed.....

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SVEND FOYN. (Contd.)

Addressed S.O.N.T. Repeated CAPE PALLISER, NORTHERN REWARD, KINGSTON, AMBER, from NORTHERN SUN. 061° 46' 014° 10' course 237° 6 knots. No contact. Request NORTHERN SUN, CAPE PALLISER, NORTHERN REWARD. Resume patrol as from midnight and KINGSTON AMBER to remain in vicinity for 24 hours.
(Scapa W/T, 2040A/7, to Admty.)
My 1549A/7 and 1843A/7. Consider a tug should be sailed to stand by SVEND FOYN in case she is again attacked.
(C. in C.W.A., 2201A/7 to A.C.I.C.)
Your 2015A/7. Continue with LADY ELSA to escort SVEND FOYN until relieved.
(C. in C.W.A., 2235A/7, to SUNFLOWER.)
Your 1930A/7. WINDERMERE and tug RESTIVE proceeding 2350Z/7. Air escort being sent first light.
(A.C.I.C., 2306/7 to C. in C.W.A.)
H.X. 152/SVEND FOYN now SUNFLOWER and LADY ELSA to escort. A.C.I.C. is requested to relieve trawlers on SVENDFOYN as soon as possible from 10th A/S Group and provide air escorts. Remainder of force R/V with HX 152 in accordance with previous orders 2235/7. Further received from SUNFLOWER. (quotes 1930A/7.)
(D.T.D. 2355Z/7 to Opnav.)

1431.

Ref. Admty., message AF, 60° 37' N., 21° 44' W., 1431/7 G.M.T.
(D.D.I.C. 1512Z/7.)

TUVA. torpedoed 2/10.

ST. CROIX reports shortly before TUVA was torpedoed TUVA heard very strong signal on 500 k/cs in code. 2 Groups of code. Signal ended with words "660 K" repeat twice. No similar signals heard subsequently by ST.CROIX.
(C.C.N.F. 2044Z/7 to Admty.)

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S/M's Reported.

2322/6. D/F bearings at 2322Z/6 indicate a U-Boat in approx., 61° 30' N., 24° W. Unreliable fix.
(D.D.I.C. 0842Z/7 to ALUSNA.)

2106/5. Your 1521A/6. Consider unit transmitting at 2106Z/5 was a U-boat in approx., 61° N., 14° W. Request bearings on which your position was obtained.
(D.D.I.C. 1213A/7 to C. in C.S.A.)
Your 1213A/7. Durban 308° Penang 270°. Estimated reliability 40 per cent.
(C. in C.S.A., 1715N/7, to Admty.)

0300. C.3. Submarine reported by local fishermen to have gone alongside German tanker NORD ATLANTIC 0300/7 remaining one hour.
(R.O., Vigo, 1310/7 to S.O.I. Gib.)

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1430A/7.)

1627/29. SEAWOLF reports:- At 1627/29/9 in 46° 52' N.03° 11' W., sighted 500 tons U-boat bearing 260° 4000 yards, course 220° speed 14 knots. By the time tubes were ready and SEAWOLF on firing course, very broad track and excessive range made torpedo attack impracticable. Gun action impracticable due to sea of 34. Considered that U-boat surfaced just before being sighted as no H.E. was heard till then.
(F.O.S., 1507A/7 to Admty.)

1523. Am over enemy submarine in 47.03N., 10.21 W. Periscope only sighted.
(A/C using call sign 8QTU. 1523/7 to 19 Group.)

1420. Own civil A/C reports at 1420/7 S/M's in 46° 15'N., 9° 30' W., course 280° and in 46° 10' N., 9° 50' W., course 190°
(D.D.I.C. 1543A/7, to S/M's on Patrol, Area A.)

/White Sea.....

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Submarines Reported. Contd.

White Sea. Reported that U/B patrol is maintained near entrance of White Sea. Approx., position 69° N., 43° E., Graded A.2.
(D.D.I.C. 1725A/7 to SUFFOLK, NORMAN.)

1426Z. Bearing by D/F at 1426Z/7 position of enemy
1515Z. U/Boat was 069° 55' 042° 10', reliable fix.
Bearing by D/F at 1515Z/7, position of enemy U/Boat was 069° 52' 034° 30', reliable fix.
Admiralty pass to SUFFOLK, HARRIER.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1855C/7.)
Today's submarine situation.
(U.S.Chief of Naval Operations, 2145/7 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.)

1500Z. S/M reported by civilian in Bakkafiord 066° 04' N., 015° 00' W., at 1500Z/7. S/M was half submerged, Graded C.O.
(A.C.I.C., 2252Z/7.)

Mediterranean. U/B's leaving Messina 1/10. (D.D.I.C. 2221/7.)
See Mediterranean.

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C. Am over an enemy submarine in position VKRA 0755 (W.D. Note. Position indecipherable. If V.C.R.A = 47.07 N., 11.05W.) - Sighted on surface and observed to submerge course 135° speed 15 knots.
(A/C Using call sign SJ8R 1020/7 to 19 Group.)
Have attacked enemy Sub. with depth charges, estimate no hits at 1007.
(A/C using call sign SJ8R,1058/7 to 19 Group.)
Hudson A/C on A/S sweep. Sighted U/B approx., 300' S.W., of Brest Peninsula. Attacked, but D/C's "hung up".
(D.O.R. 8/10.)

By A/C. At 1523/7. Sunderland A/C U/10 attacked P/S with D/C's 47,03 N., 10.21 W., 255' N.W., of C. Finisterre. No visible result.
(D.S., 764, 8/10.) No signal in W.D.

By KINGSTON AMBER. One submerged submarine in 61.35 N., 14.28 W.,
(KINGSTON AMBER, 1025/7 to Scapa W/T.)
Made 3 attacks, conditions bad, lost contact 1144.
(KINGSTON AMBER, 1215A/7 to S.O.T.N.P.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Fog. — Fog again affected the movements of shipping on the East coast. Harwich remained closed on account of fog until 1201A and Lowestoft until 1005A. The Thames and Medway were opened at 1420.

Gale. — SHIKARI in 62° 25' N. 20° 45' W. had her bridge carried away today and ST. ALBANS in 62° 48' N. 24° 42' W. also suffered gale damage.

Operation J.W. — The repatriation operation is indefinitely suspended. Prohibition of flying in the areas specified was cancelled at 1210 today.

Convoys. — Minimum speeds for ships joining Gibraltar and South Atlantic convoys have been amended.

Operation E.J. — KING GEORGE V., VICTORIOUS, PENELOPE and 5 destroyers carried out this operation today. Aircraft from VICTORIOUS carried out a dawn attack on Shipping and set on fire a 1000 ton merchant vessel off Glomfiord and damaged cable pylons. The attack was repeated at 1245; the 1500 ton Norwegian HAAKON ADALSTEIN was hit north of Bodo and crew seen to abandon; two hits were obtained on a southbound convoy of two 2000 ton ships escorted by 2 Flakships off Bodo.

British Air Operations.

Bad weather affected operations last night.

Mediterranean.

S/M. O.21 reported today having torpedoed and sunk a laden French ship, probably ARAGAZ, 3450 tons in 40.58 N., 09.59 E., off the N.E. coast of Sardinia.

/Air

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Mediterranean - contd.

Air Attacks on shipping.

5 Swordfish bombed Lampedusa harbour last night. Swordfish aircraft attacking a convoy shortly before midnight today obtained 2 direct torpedo hits on a 6000 ton ship which was seen to sink within 10 minutes. Near misses with bombs were scored on an E-boat and schooner.

A Wellington R/C aircraft located a convoy at 2330/8 2 miles N.E. of Marittimo Island and obtained a direct bomb hit on a M/V of 6 - 10,000 tons causing an explosion. Ship is claimed as damaged.

At 0010 a Blenheim attacked, hit and left sinking a 2000 ton merchant vessel 35 miles west of Tripoli.

Libya and Western Desert.

Enemy aircraft bombed Tobruk and Mersa Matruh last night.

Palestine and Syria.

There was an air raid on Haifa between 0400 and 0530 today. Damage was negligible and the port is open.

Egypt and Canal Area.

S.S. ROSALIE MOLLER was sunk by enemy air attack on Anchorage H. between 0045B and 0140B. S.S. AIDA (Ports and Lights vessel) was sunk at Zafarana Anchorage by a HE.111 which crashed at the same time after hitting AIDA's mast. S.S. AIDA can be salved.

America and West Indies.

Govr. of Dutch Guiana reports that a French auxiliary left St. Laurent, Maroni River, p.m. today to embark native soldiers and M.T. and land them in French Guiana. U.S. authorities know nothing of this troop movement.

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Policy.

Rosyth. Reduction of Small Craft.

Your 1538/7. This matter is under consideration by Admiralty and decision will be promulgated at an early date. (C. in C. Rosyth 1110/8 to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)

6 Trawlers for H.F.

Admiralty 1710/7. It is suggested that, if the following ocean going trawlers can be spared, they should be transferred to C. in C. H.F. LE TIGER, COVENTRY CITY, ST.CATHAN, SENATEUR DUHAMEL, KING SOL, AYRSHIRE. If this proposal is approved, alterations to LE TIGER and SENETEUR DUHAMEL can be put in hand at Belfast on receipt of Admiralty instructions. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1301A/8 to C. in C. W.A.)

Trawlers.

Concur with C. in C. Nore's 2212A/7. These trawlers have been very helpful in the protection of East coast convoys. (C. in C. Rosyth 1847/8 to Adty.)

Escort Corvettes allocation. 35th Escort Group abolished.

Corvettes returning from S.A. are allocated as -follows :- GARDENIA, CLEMATIS, COLUMBINE, CALENDULA to Liverpool. ANCHUSA, ASPHODEL to Londonderry. MIGNONETTE, VERVAIN to Greenock. GARDENIA has returned. Remainder are expected home as follows. (C. in C. W.A. 1902A/8.)
35th escort group is to cease to exist forthwith.
2. STONE CROP is to join 37th group on completion of duty ordered in my 1655A/8.
3. Following Corvettes are to be allocated by respective Captains (D) as they become available to bring 1st to 8th groups to strength of 6 each, 37th group to strength of 8. (C. in C. W.A. 1903A/8.)

Movements.

WOOLSTON.

Sailed WOOOLSTON to R/V with RESOLUTION at 0700A/8. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 0025A/8.)

NORMAN.

Your (?1305Z) 4th. Departed Seidis Fiord 0700 G.M.T./8. (NORMAN 0830/8.)
E.T.A. position Z2300/G.M.T. 11. (NORMAN 1601/8 to S.B.N.O. Murmansk.)

/OTWAY.

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Movements - contd.

OTWAY H.34. Intend to sail OTWAY and H.34 escorted by Z.5 for Rothesay at 1200A/9th routed by Sound of Mull of Islay. E.T.A. 0730A/10. (WESTERN ISLES 1220A/8.)

UNA. My 1426A/5. Sailing of UNA postponed 24 hours. (C. in C. Nore. 1444A/8.)
My 1507A/6. For 0700A/11 read 0700A/13. (S.3. 1502A/8.)

VERDUN. VERDUN is to be detached at 0600/9 for independent passage to Rosyth, speed with S.A. gear operating 20 knots. (C. in C. Rosyth 1511/8 to VERSATILE.)

SCOTT. Admiralty 1516A/8. Intend to sail SCOTT tomorrow by Sleat Sound anchoring in Sound of Mull for the night and sailing at 0730/10 for Southampton routed as follows. E.T.A. off Needles 0730/12. C. in C. W.A. requested to arrange fighter protection during daylight hours. (R.A.M. 1857/8.)

Operations.

"Table" "Tinsmith". Operation "Table" postponed 24 hours. Operation "Tinsmith" cancelled. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0945A/8.)

"Presto" "Birker Force". My 1700A/7. "Presto" and "Birker Force" postponed 24 hours owing to fog. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1141A/8.)

Dover Patrols. Three M.T.Bs leave Dover 0220/9 to patrol vicinity of Bullock Buoy returning to Dover at 0700. Route via Number 10 buoy each way. Two M.G.Bs leave Dover at 0330/9 to patrol South Varne returning at Dover at 0700. (V.A. Dover 1753A/8.)

Patrol off Portland. Add to my 1633A/8. 2 M.Ls Patrolling Line 50° 23' N. 1° 55' W. to 50° 20' N. 2° 50' W. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1903A/8.)

East Coast. Maintain W/T silence as far as possible until daylight. (C. in C. Nore 2259A/8 to East Coast Convoys.)

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British Air Activity.

Operation J.W.	A873 8/10/41. Our A542 2/10. Repatriation operations suspended indefinitely. Prohibition of flying in areas specified cancelled. (Air Ministry 1210/8.)
Operation "Hoden".	Carry out operation "Hoden" tonight with 4 A/C of 407 Sqdn. as previously detailed. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1212/8.)
Operations "Rover", "Nomad".	Carry out operations "Rover" and "Nomad" tonight as detailed in CH/G2/2/10. "Nomad" to be flown by 2 A/C of 500 Squadron. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1222/8.)

Mining.

Bristol Channel.	At 1639/7 one Mine detonated by Sweepers in 92° 6.5 cables Steepholm Triangle. (Capt. M/S Bristol Channel 1035A/8.)
WELSHMAN. MANXMAN.	WELSHMAN and MANXMAN are to be sailed so as to arrive at Milford Haven on 13/10. (A.C.N.S. H. 1320A/8 to R.A.M.)
Off Flamborough Head on 5/10. RAVONIA damaged.	One ground mine detonated on 5/10 in about 54° 08.3' N. 00° 01.6' E. between columns of F.N. 27 when passing G.S.12. Escorts were not operating S.A. Gear. Nearest vessel was 50 - 60 feet from detonation. S.S. RAVONIA bound Tyne reported minor damage to fittings. (C. in C. Rosyth 1643/8.)
S.N.16 C.	Departure WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. (N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1904/8.)
Spurn Point.	My 2102A/5. The following three mines exploded today. Details. (F.O. Humber 2150A/8.)

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Enemy Intelligence.

Off Iceland. — A/C report several ships in position 061° 10' N. 023° 20' W. seen indistinctly at 0750Z/8. (A.C.I.C. 1514/8 to KEPPEL.)

Norwegian M/Vs. — My 1607/8. Following is recent disposition of Norwegian M/Vs at present in trade and about to proceed on completion of loading. (Stockholm 1831/8) See Lion Copy.

Navigational.

Fog. — Port of Harwich remaining closed owing to fog. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0638A/10.)
Port open. (N.O.I.C. Lowestoft 1005A/8.)
Harwich now open. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1201A/8.)
Thames and Medway now open. (X.D.O. Sheerness 1420/8.)

54 C. Buoy. — 54 C. buoy normal conditions restored. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1947A/8.)

Casualties and Defects.

DE RUYTER (Grounded 6/10.) — N.O.I.C. Stranraer reports vessel badly holed forward. Now docked at Isle of Whithorn. T.O.O. 1300/7. (N.O.I.C. Barrow 1225A/8.)

ST.ALBANS. — Hove to in 062° 48' N. 024° 42' W., wind 10. 4 ribs smashed in foremost boiler room starboard hand. No bad leak. (ST. ALBANS 1700A/8.)

SHIKARI. — SHIKARI escorting ROTA SPICA from Iceland to join H.X.152 lost contact with these 2 ships last night and at 1925A/8th reported bridge carried away, situation grave, in 062° 25' N. 020° 45' W. Later reported situation improved. Only able to keep wireless watch on 2410 kc/s. (KEPPEL 2200A/8.)

CHELSEA. — Port plummer block bearings running very hot. Intermediate shaft obviously out of alignment. Consider maximum safe speed 10 knots. Request instructions. (CHELSEA 2231A/8.)

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Shipping and Convoys.

H.X.153.	My 1643/7. For two corvettes read 3 corvettes. Add after "Momp" is reached, and be prepared to act as independent striking force. (C. in C.W.A. 0009/8 to MALCOLM.)
E.C.46.	E.C.46 anchored in fog between 18 B. and 18 D. Buoys. (VIVIEN 0335A/8.)
W.S.12.	Fuel requirements. Details. (D.S.T. 0445A/8) See Lion Copy.
F.S.13.	F.S.13 anchored in fog between 58 Buoy and 58 Buoy (as coded). (WALLACE 0605A/8.)
F.S.15 S. F.S.16 F.	My 1200/29/9. F.S.15 (S) is postponed 24 hours, cancel F.S.16 (F) (C. in C. Rosyth 1044/8.)
W/T Watches.	A.M. 1648/23 September. Add:- "(c) No regular wireless watch" from which it will be understood that an irregular wireless watch is maintained depending on the other duties of the Deck Officer who operates the wireless installation. (D.T.D. 1158A/8 to N.C.S.O's.)
Position Z.	Soviet C.N.S. suggests in view of large number of convoys expected at Archangel in the future that the position of position Z should be varied from time to time. (Ad. Miles 1214C/8 to Adty.)
Minimum Speeds.	Pass to N.C.S.O's. Minimum speeds for ships joining convoys are to be amended as follows :- O.G. 8 knots forthwith, O.S.8½ knots starting with O.S.10, H.G. 8 knots starting with H.G.76, S.L. to remain at 7½ knots. A.M.0001 1st May will be amended. (A.C.N.S. T. 1424A/8.)
S.C.47. CHICOUTIMI.	S.C.47 31 hours late. H.M.C.S. CHICOUTIMI absent from convoy since night 6th. (RICHMOND 1515Z/8.)

/P.Q.2.

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P.Q.2. A.M. 2346A/5. Intend sailing Liverpool section of P.Q.2 comprising S.S. HARTLEBURY, escorted by SEAGULL and SPEEDY, at 1000A/12 speed 9½ knots. 2.F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail Clyde section to R/V at 0800A/13 in position 270° Oversay 6 miles. 3. Speed after R/V 9 knots. E.T.A. Scapa 1800A/14. (F.C.I.C. Liverpool 1553A/8.)

O.S.9. CANTON. CANTON should sail for Freetown in convoy O.S.9 leaving Clyde on 13/10. (D.O.D. H. 1645A/8.)

F.N.30. E.C.84. My 1201/6/10. Cancel F.N.30. (M) E.C.84 will run as a medium convoy. (C. in C. Rosyth 1205/8.)

Convoy C.T.4. PASTEUR, AVILA STAR, ANDALUCIA STAR. Carriage of service personnel. Orders. (A.C.N.S. H. 2213A/8) See Lion Copy.

O.G.76. O.S.9. O.G.76 is cancelled. Ships for Gibraltar etc. of 8 knots or over which would have sailed in that convoy are to be sailed in O.S.9. (D.T.D. 2233A/8.)

LAMERTON. Your 1800Z/8. LAMERTON is to rejoin convoy forthwith. (C. in C. W.A. 2342A/8 to ROCHESTER.)

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North Atlantic.

SILVERBELLE. Research of area by LADY SHIRLEY. (F.O.C.N.A. 0352A/8) See U-Boat Campaign.

French Shipping. Passing Gibraltar 6/10. (D.O.R. 8/10.)

GURKHA. P.C. and S. at 0600A, 035° 12' N. 026° 57' W. 159° 20 knots altering to 175° at 1430A. Weather report. (GURKHA, 0620A/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

LADY SHIRLEY. Arrivals, 4th ERIN, 8th LADY SHIRLEY (from sinking U/B - See U-Boat Campaign.) (F.O.C.N.A. 0904A/8 to Admty.)

TRUANT. Intend to sail TRUANT p.m./9. TRUANT will pass through 038° 20' (?009°) 00' about 0001/14, thence to patrol or Malta as ordered by V.A. Malta My 1210A/6th not to Admiralty or F.O.(S) refers. (F.O.C.N.A. 1140A/8 to C. in C. Med.)

PORPOISE. Your escort is LADY HOGARTH. One destroyer on patrol 10 to 12 miles 350° from Spartel. (F.O.C.N.A. 1610A/8 to PORPOISE.)
LADY HOGARTH 2000 position 036° 35' 007° 50' to Gibraltar, MIRROR in company. (F.O.C.N.A. 1738A/8 to PORPOISE.)

Enemy Units, French ARAGAZ sunk. Netherlands S/M O.21 reports following sighted:-
(A) 1 destroyer GREGALE class, 039° 03' 009° 38' 295° 27 knots at 1600/28.
(B) 1 torpedo boat, 2 cargo ships 3000/5000 tons, 040° 58' 009° 57' entering Gulf of Terranova 0530/1.
(C) 1 torpedo boat, 2 cargo ships 3000/4000 tons, 041° 21' 010° 20' 030° 10 knots, 0200/2.
(D) 1 cargo ship 3000 tons entered Terranova swept channel 0600/3.
(E) French Troopship COLOMBIE fully illuminated entered Terranova at 0430/3 and left 0740/3.
(ii) O.21 torpedoed and sank laden French ship probably ARAGAZ, 3450 tons, in 040° 58' 009° 59' steering 90° 1232/3. (F.O.C.N.A. 1810A/8 to C. in C. Med.)

M.L. Flotillas. Request you will remark on the employment of the two M.L. flotillas under your command and the value that you have obtained from them, particularly their degree of serviceability. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1943A/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/NELSON

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NELSON. Your 1932A/7. Approx. date of completion of dockyard work 5/11. 2 days will be required subsequently for ammunitioning. (F.O.C.N.A., 2018A/8 to Admty.)

LADY SHIRLEY. Sinking of U/B on 4/10. (F.O.C.N.A. 2210A/8 etc.) See U-Boat Campaign.

South Atlantic.

GERMANIA (German). Your 1645N/7. Teneriffe's 1635/16/9 reported that GERMANIA was in ballast, had approx. 400 tons fuel oil as bunkers and might sail shortly. In his 1150/6 Teneriffe reported all preparations for departure complete and ship might sail any night. (A.C.N.S.(F) 0059A/8 to C. in C. S.A.)

Convoy Escorts. Admty. 2002A/7. As only two cutters will be available intend these to proceed with Sierra Leone portion owing to longer endurance. Escort for Gibraltar portion will be two sloops and a corvette. (C. in C. W.A., 1023A/8 to Admty.)

WARRIOR. Overdue shipping, WARRIOR due Capetown 2/10 from Trinidad not arrived. (S.O.I. Capetown, 1125B/8 to Admty. etc.)

Raider search. LAVENDER and BERGAMOT left 1230 G.M.T./8. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1259Z/8 to Admty.)

W.S.11. Departures 7/10. List and details carried.
W.S.11 X. (S.S.T.O. Durban, 1505Z/8) See Lion Copy.
MOOLTAN details amended (1744B/9) See Lion Copy.

/Falklands

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Falklands Defences.

Ref. para.6 your 06221 of 21/8.
It is not proposed to increase defences of Falkland Islands with exception of (a) Despatch at early date of Norwegian detachment of one officer and 13 O.Rs for South Georgia defences. (b) Replacement of the three 6" guns at Port Stanley by two 6" 45° long range guns and one 6" Naval gun. Owing to urgent commitments elsewhere the allocation of the 6" 45° guns may not be completed for some time. (W.O. 1630/8 to M.A. Buenos Aires.)

Independent Ships.

Pass to F.Os ashore and afloat, N.Os i/c and N.C.S.Os. Ref. Admty. Messages 472A of 22/8 (see Shipping) and 2036/2/10. In each case -amend para.1 (c) to read:-
"(c) British and Allied tankers sailing independently between West Indies and Takoradi, Freetown or Gibraltar". (D.T.D.1706A/8 to C. in C.S.A., F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. A.W.I.)

PANTELIS.

Have you any news of Greek PANTELIS due Capetown 2/10 from Mersey? (D.T.D. 1854A/8 to S.O.I Capetown) Reply: 1105/9.

Mediterranean.

THISTLEGORM (sunk 6/10)

S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area 1745B/6. Master THISTLEGORM reports ship struck by bomb between No.4 and 5 hold, catching fire immediately and blowing up and sinking after 20 minutes. Ammunition and explosives among cargo. 4 members of crew missing believed killed, also 5 D.E.M.S. naval ratings missing believed killed, 2 injured in hospital. (N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik, 0852B/8 to Admty.)

Haifa Raid.

Air Raid Haifa between 0400 and 0530/8. About 9 planes high and medium level attack. Some (?bombs) dropped in sea vicinity of power station and landmarks. Incendiaries and flares near Refinery. Negligible damage, no casualties. Port open. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0916C/8 to C. in C. Med.)

/BALCIC

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BALCIC (Roumanian) CORDELIA (German)	My 1159/5 (Departure of BALCIC from Istanbul delayed) BALCIC reported CORDELIA due shortly from Black Sea. Graded B.3. (S.O.I. Istanbul 1044/8 to S.O.I. Med.
Enemy M/V.	One small enemy M/V reported left vicinity 032° 00' 020° 00' yesterday bound 032° 45' 022° 40'. Probably coastal route will be used. Not known if she will make return voyage. (Capt. S.1. 1105B/8 to TORBAY.)
VAMPIRE, STUART.	VAMPIRE must now be approaching completion at Singapore. Request confirmation that R.A.N. "Vees" and STUART will return to Mediterranean on completion of refit. Although their age limits their (?employment) in Fleet work they have proved excellent A/S craft and can perform invaluable work as escort ships. (C. in C. Med. 1112B/8 to Admty.)
TRUANT, Cagliari.	Your 1210A/6. It is not desired to do this as TRUANT is required as early as possible for offensive patrol in Adriatic. (C. in C. Med., 1116B/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Vichy Convoys.	From censorship. Vichy convoy leaving for Saigon last June was escorted as far as the Equator. Future convoys may be escorted to Ivory Coast and possibly to Madagascar and Indo-China. (S.O.I. Med., 1136B/8 to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. S.A., etc.)
Suez Raids. AIDA bombed.	Aircraft bombed from about 100 feet night 7/8. 2 Enemy aircraft passed S.E. over Suez during attack, 1 of these HE.111 bombed Ports and Lights Administrative vessel S.S. AIDA in Zafaran Anchorage, Gulf of Suez. Aircraft damaged ship on first run and crashed in sea on second run after hitting mast, 4 of crew captured. Aircraft now lying in shallow water near shore. No casualties on AIDA, which can be salvaged.
Piraeus bombed.	Greece, night 6/7, 23 Wellingtons attacked fuel containers, Warehouses and shipping in Piraeus Harbour. Many bombs fell among fuel containers, further bombs fell either on or near small Naval Craft in harbour. 1 further Wellington bombed Heraklion Aerodrome Crete causing explosion. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1156/8.)

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TYNEFIELD (mined 5/10.) Ref. 0927B/5 from S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area. TYNEFIELD diver reports port side of ship blown bodily outward maximum of 8 feet covering tanks 1 to 4 inclusive with side parted from deck. Details. Proposed to cut vessel at pump room abaft No.4 tank and float away after end using compressed air as necessary to obtain floation. No.7 tank now just awash and deck forward of this submerged. Soundings outside average 40 feet. (N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik, 1156B/8, to S.B.N.O. Suez.)

Bardia bombed. Night 6/7. 10 Blenheims in 2 waves bombed M.T. workshops at Bardia. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1201/8.)

Mines at Tobruk. My 1604/29. After ashore amend to read. Parachute mines swept in harbour one red magnetic by single pulsing. (S.B.N.O. Tobruk 1213B/8.)

2 Enemy Ships. 2 ships including one escort due in vicinity 032° 02' 020° 02' a.m. tomorrow. These are not those in my 1821B/7. (Capt. S.1. 1241B/8 to REGENT.)
My 1241B/8. These ships are from 032° 55' 013° 05' speed 7½ knots and are due 0500B/9. My 1821B/7 2 of these ships and one destroyer due 0630B/12 passing through position 291° Tolmeita Light 50 at 2359/11. (Capt. S.1. 1445B/8 to REGENT.)

Suspect French Ships. Your 1048A/3. Following French ships strongly suspected of working on behalf of Axis; ANDRE MOYRAND, ANGO, ARAGAZ, BEAUCE, CAPITAINE, DAMIANI, COURNOUAILLE, DAUPHIN, DE GRASSE, FIRUZ, GENERAL GASSOUIN, KOLENTE LOTTE, MASSIS, PALLAS, PLUVIOSE, S.N.A.9, LUCIEN GOUGY, VENDEMIAIRE, P.L.M.23 (C.O.I.S. Alexandria, 1247B/8 to Admty.)

Enemy Convoy Ruse. Enemy is thought to use following trick for safety of convoys nearing ports in your area. Two routes are established for approaching. One day before arrival sweepers pretend to sweep searched channel not to be used. Channel to be used is swept next morning ahead of convoy which approaches an hour before daylight. (Capt. S.1. 1451B/8 to REGENT.)

FRONSAC, (French) Departure 7th Sete. (Barcelona, 1702/8, to D. of S.T.)

/Constantza

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Constantza, Rumanian oil.

Following from Senior member of personnel of Standard Oil Company just arrived from Ploesti.
(A) Stress importance of bombing of means of petroleum transport now that stocks greatly reduced. Protective wells of majority Ploesti tanks will be complete by end of month. They are most effective. Pump house of new Giurgiu pipeline situated inside Astra refinery is especially good target, but all refinery boiler houses and power stations very vulnerable, as also bridges along Brasov and Buzau railway lines; latter carrying lately especially frequent oil trains to Russian front. A/A defences however recently increased and believed two new dummy Ploestis constructed.
(B) Constantza port 50% out of action but still capable of loading petroleum.
(C) Cernavoda bridge will be reopened Oct. 15th. At present Constantza pipeline being used to pump oil back to Cernavoda into Danube barges.
(D) Brasov railway recently doubled all the way.
(N.S.O.(I) Istanbul 1745B/8.)

Soviet Ships from Black Sea.

F.O. telegram No.1420 of 5/10 and my 1919C/4. Number of Soviet tankers available now 5 or 6. Russians anxious to obtain your and C. in C. Med's views on this operation as soon as possible, as the possibility of releasing the two ice-breakers affects their plans for keeping Archangel open throughout winter. (Adm. Miles, 1757C/8 to Admty.)

Loss of M/Ls.

Your 2035B/6. M/Ls 1003 and 1037 lost in EMPIRE ENDURANCE in April. (D.D.O.D.(C) 1858A/8 to R.A. Alexandria.)

Floating Dock needed for transports.

Hired transports carrying military cargo in Middle East require docking (list). Owing to uncertainty of obtaining drydock in Middle East, submit that floating dock be obtained from overseas and allocated to Port Sudan or Haifa. Suggest 5000 ton floating dock from Sabang, alternatively could Turkish authorities be approached with a view to moving 8000 ton floating dock from Bosphorus to Iskanderun. (P.S.T.O. Egypt 1914B/8 to C. in C. Med.)

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Suez Raid, ROSALIE MOLLER sunk. AIDA sunk.

Night 7/8, 2 enemy aircraft approached Mediterranean Coast at about 2258B, flying S.E. Course. Anchorage H. attacked by one enemy aircraft 0045B - 0140B, sinking ROSALIE MOLLER, two of crew missing. One H.E.111 attacked Zafarana anchorage sinking S.S. AIDA and crashed at same time, no casualties, 4 prisoners. No planes detected returning from raids.
(S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 1959B/8 to Admty. etc.)
ROSALIE MOLLER British, 3963 tons, from Durban for Alexandria with coal. (D.S.765)

Malta Raids.

Night 7/8. 1 alarm, 6 raiders approached Coast, all bombs dropped in sea, 2 hurricanes up, no illuminations or interceptions.
Day 8/10 1 alarm, 6 raiders approached, none crossed coast, Hurricanes up, no interceptions.
(H.Q. Malta, 2015/8.)

Lampedusa bombed.

7/10 1 Swordfish attacked Lampedusa Harbour, bombs dropped amongst sheds on water front, gun positions machine gunned.
7 Wellingtons attacked shipping Tripoli Harbour 2143 to 2335. Many hits on 1 M/V at 2150 hours starting fierce fire visible 30 miles away and was well on fire when last aircraft left.
Target hits also observed on Spanish Quay and between civil base and Castello, some lighters hit and destroyed and 1 destroyed by fire.
1 Blenheim in moonlight attacked M/V 2000 tons from 20 feet 0010 hours 35 miles West of Tripoli 2 hits observed explosions heard, ship also machine gunned, was left with stern under water and crew piling off on boats.
(H.Q. Malta 2015/8.)

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Operation "Ration". Your 1358Z/4. Carry out operation "Ration" as proposed. (A.C.N.S. (F) 0106A/8 to C. in C. E.I.)

Blockade of Jibuti. Governor of Aden's telegram No. 154 (see Lion Copy) and my 0920/6 being passed to you. The "Naval Advisers" to whom Governor refers were N.O.I.C. Aden and S.O.I. Aden. I am enquiring why they gave this advise without reference to higher Naval Authority. (C. in C. E.I., 0610Z/8 to Admty.)

U.S.12B. Colombo. Convoy U.S.12.B. arrived. (C. in C. E.I. 0618Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

W.S.11. Request if possible W.S.11 be sailed to arrive Bombay not before 18/10 and E.T.A. be signalled. (P.S.T.O. India, 1246Z/8 to C. in C. China).

Persian operations. My 1204/25/9. Summary begins:
1. Main object operations seizure Abadan Oil Refinery intact and occupation Haft I Khel Oil-fields. Simultaneous operation capture of Bandar Shapur and Axis Shipping there.
2. To achieve this Naval Forces used in three separate but simultaneous operations - A. Embarkation of troops, Basra, their transport to and support of landing at Abadan. B. Landing of troops at Naval Base, Khorramshahr, and neutralisation of Iranian warships there.
C. Seizure of Bandar Shapur and capture of Axis shipping there.
3. Possible opposition consisted of two slow S four gunboats and small number auxiliary craft and military posts along the river.
4. Operations conducted by Commodore Graham, S.N.O., Persian Gulf under orders of Vice Adm. G. Arbuthnot, C. in C. E.I.
5. Dawn 25/8 was perfectly still, no moon but clear sky and many stars.
6. Approach from Basra to Abadan carried out with no opposition and even unchallenged. As Flotilla consisting of SEABELLE, SHOREHAM, LILAC and plus small craft neared Abadan, heavy small arms fire was opened from jetties and roof tops. Refinery undamaged in our hands by evening. B.At Khorramahahr FALMOUTH, YARRA, plus small craft, equally successful and after meeting slight opposition area occupied by night fall. C. Led by KANIMBLA (manned by R.A.N.) strange assortment of ships and small craft worked their way up Khor Musa to Bandar Shapur.

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As KANIMBLA turned into the straight enemy started sabotaging their ships. Boarding parties and small craft had been prepared to take immediate action anticipating this. In a short time White Ensign was seen flying from three German ships. Rest of day spent in difficult task of saving remaining ships and this was successfully accomplished except for one German ship which sank. Remaining seven ships cleared the port under British control by 8/9.
7. In operation ships and men from Royal Navy Australia, New Zealand, India and Kenya also men from Canada New Zealand and South Africa were represented. (Ends).
(C. in C. E.I. 1510Z/8 to Admty., etc.)

"Q" Report (Cancelled)

Following has been read. QQQQ 33.23 S. 17.22 E. ILE DE BATZ De ZSC. (Slangkop W/T, 1430Z/8)
Following has been read. ILE-DE-BATZ GMVM (no signification). Cancel my QQQQ 1530/8. (Slangkop W/T, 1536Z/8).
Following has been read ILE DE BATZ. Cancel plain language message suspicious vessel. (GMVM, 1630/8).

China.

LAMOTTE PICQUET.

Your 1605A/6. (repetition of 1617/5 Re LAMOTTE PICQUET) Ship did not dock, Vide Ambassador's 1856 addressed F.O. Siamese N.A. informs me that Japanese Naval Architect who saw ship states she was holed above water line in 4 places (2 in engine room and 2 in stern) but internal damage not serious. (N.A. Tokyo 1026/8 to D.N.I).
N.I.D. Comment. Signal refers to French 6" Cruiser LAMOTTE PICQUET which proceeded to Osaka, Japan, for repairs. Tokyo Tel 1856 reported that Japan "walked back" on this agreement to repair ship for payment in Yen and demanded rubber in lieu. Ship therefore left after 12 days stay. Thai N.A. evidently suggesting that damage was incurred during action last February when four Thai ships were sunk by LAMOTTE PICQUET, ADMIRAL CHARUN, and DUMONT D'URVILLE; probably wishful thinking on his part as the only suggestion of damage to any French ships came from Thai sources.

MARECHAL JOFFRE. (French).

Departure Manila.
(Shanghai 2359Z/8 to D. of S.T.)

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America and West Indies.

T.C.14.)
C.M.19.)
C.M. 20.)

Re delays to ships for Troop Convoys and inconvenience caused. (D.S.T., 0444A/8 to P.S.T.O. Simonstown) See Lion Copy.

Sink at sight Zone, Pacific.

Your 1604A/7. Matter has been exhaustively discussed between Navy Dept. and State Dept. We have been unofficially informed that State Dept. have refused to define their attitude or agree to any declaration before outbreak of war. We are expecting an official reply shortly. (B.A.D. 0935R/8 to Admty.)

WHITECAP.

"Transport number 25", is to be referred to by the original name "WHITECAP". (C. in C. A.W.I., 1022Q/8 to N.O.I.C. Port of Spain).

PRIMROSE.
NASTURTIUM.
POLYANTHUS.

Your 1744Z/17. PRIMROSE and NASTURTIUM have been ordered to leave Charleston P.M./18 see my 1604R/24/9. Tentative date of completion of POLYANTHUS is 18/10. Endeavour will be made to keep to that date. (B.A.R.M. 1058R/8 to C.C.N.F.)

CARADOC.

Leave Bermuda 9/10 and proceed via Sombrero passage to Trinidad so as to arrive 13/10 (?advisable to) show yourself off Fort de France during daylight 12/10. Leave Trinidad 15/10 and proceed St. Lucia and await further instructions. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1112Q/8 to CARADOC).

MARTICOT.

M.M.S. MARTICOT No. 121 late Marystown Trawler sailed from St. Johns Newfoundland 12/9. No report of arrival has yet been received. (C.C.N.F., 1245Z/8 to Admty.)

MENDANAU.

Ref. S.O.I. Freetown 1931N/20/9 and 1034N/3/10 MENDANAU arrived Trinidad, 7/10. (S.O.I. Jamaica 1258R/8 to Admty. etc.)

CANDYTUFT.

Departure PRUDENT with CANDYTUFT in tow to Brooklyn, New York. (S.O.I. Halifax, 1343Z/8 to Admty. etc.)
My 1527Z/7 amend date to read 11/10.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax, 2040Z/8 to B.A.R.M.)

/Manning.....

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Manning of U.S. Transports.

Your 2159R/7. Proposal to use crews of H.M. Ships except A.M.C's now refitting in U.S.A. is unacceptable. Request you will investigate whether crews of A.M.C.'s CALIFORNIA, CHITRAL, AURANIA, ASCANIA, MONTCLARE, RANPURA and WORCESTERSHIRE and perhaps CIRCASSIA would be sufficient together with personnel provided by U.S.A. Authorities to man the six transports. As far as we are concerned there would be no objection to one or more of these American transports sailing under the Red Ensign. Perhaps American Care and Maintenance Parties could be provided for A.M.C's temporarily laid up in U.S.A. ports. (V.C.N.S. 1346A/8 to B.A.D.)
Your 1346A/8. Request information when the ships named may be expected at Halifax. QUEEN OF BERMUDA is now refitting and CATHAY is shortly expected in U.S.A. Preliminary investigation shows that the 6 U.S. transports can be manned from 8 A.M.C.'s. (B.A.D. 1541R/8 to Admty.)

Canadian Minesweepers.

Your 1714/6.
1. Following has been received from B.A.T.M. (Begins) Of ships building at Toronto it is hoped FORT YORK and PARRSBORO will be ready for passage in December. Highly improbable that QUALICUM SHIPPIGAN TADAUSAC and WEDGEPORT will be available until Lakes and River are clear of ice in May 1942. Vessels completing at Vancouver will be ready on various dates between December and March. Presume that possibility envisaged in Admiralty 1341/8/9 that these vessels will proceed to Far East no longer exists. (Ends).
2. Request confirmation that Minesweepers building at Vancouver will (A) not go to Far East and (B) will be manned by R.N. personnel. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1501Z/8 to Admty.)

Halifax W/T.

Your 1233/16. Halifax W/T now keeps constant watch on 6300 and 8290 kc/s and watch on 12685 kc/s from 0600 to S 2000 W/T Watch can also be maintained on 12685 kc/s and 16845 kc/s constant or for such periods as desired. Therefore Halifax W/T will be able to carry out duties required and is also capable of answering on the exact calling frequency. This organisation can be brought into force at once. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1641Z/8 to Admty.)

/Sinking.....

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Sinking of S.S. MONDOC.

Ref. my 1615Q/5. Enquiry held. No evidence to support claim of internal explosion. General conclusion original statements of Master Chief Engineer and mate are not substantiated vessel probably struck Darien Rock and subsequently sank. No evidence to support suggestion of sabotage. (F.O.I.C. Trinidad 1701Q/8).

Atlantic Convoy Escorts.

Your 1514/3. Situation as outlined in paras. 1 to 3 is appreciated. R.C.N. agreed to provide A/S escort for M.C. convoy in a memo. dated 15/8 forwarded through B.A.D. Washington. At that time each group of the N.E.F. consisted of approx. 5 vessels only. The large increase in the strength of groups which was promulgated in your 1638/12/9 made it impossible for the R.C.N. to provide the whole escort force. I am at present despatching all available corvettes to strengthen the N.E.F. and will use newly-commissioned minesweepers to take their place in local defence forces at Halifax, etc.
I regret that this action may delay the departure of the first M.S. flotilla for U.K. waters.
In discussion last week end with C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet it was learned that they have no ships to spare but have agreed to support us if the situation becomes more critical.
(C.N.S. Canada, 1705Z/8 to Admty.)

U.S. Navy and Convoys

My 0305Z/16/9. Amend paragraph (a) to read as follows. All ships constant watch on broadcast L. or B.N. according to whether west or east of 035° 00' W. also constant watch on convoy R/T wave 2410 kc/s. S.O. of Escort to keep W/T guard on 500 kc/s. S.O. to detail following W/T guards in order of precedence:-
(1) 4400 kc/s when within 24 hours of contact with U.S. escort units. (2) Convoy high frequency wave, 6666 kc/s by day, 3925 kc/s by night as required.
Cancel para. (b). Amend para (c) to read: On broadcast L messages which concern Newfoundland Force will normally etc. Cancel para. (d) A.C.I.C. pass to ships of Newfoundland Force in Iceland (C). (C.C.N.F. 1821Z/8 to Newfoundland Force).

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LIVERPOOL — On conclusion of LIVERPOOL's refit B.A.R.M. is requested to sail her for Bermuda where she should carry out a short work-up before crossing the Atlantic. On conclusion of work-up C. in C. A. & W.I. is requested to sail and route LIVERPOOL to the Clyde. On arrival LIVERPOOL will be taken in hand by Fairfields, Govan, for completion of items referred to in A.M. 0435A/6/9. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1822A/8 to B.A.R.M., C. in C. A.W.I.)

EMPIRE ELAND — Have you any news of EMPIRE ELAND due Mobile 2/10 from Mersey? (D.T.D. 1853A/8 to Consul, New Orleans.)

MERCHANT — Have you any news of MERCHANT due New Orleans 28/9 from Georgetown. (D.T.D. 1857A/8 to Consul, New Orleans.)

Sourabaya floating dock. — Following from B.A.S.R. Your 1307A/6. Dutch pay cash, so availability of lend lease funds to us will not be prejudiced. Have informed U.S. Authorities that our favourable view is conditional on our similar projects not being interfered with or retarded. (B.A.D. 1917R/8 to Admty.)

T.C. 15. — Cancel A.M. 1731A/5. (A.C.N.S. (H) 2133A/8 to C.O.A.C. Opnav, etc.)

Australia

French Ships. — Departure 7/10 CAGOU French, Noumea, 13/10, CAPITAINE ILLIAQUER, French, Port Kembla 8/10. (N.C.S.O. Newcastle N.S.W. 0108Z/8 to M. of W.T.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

SILVERBELLE (torpedoed 22/9.)

C. in C., S.A., 1421/4, LADY SHIRLEY reports area between 020° 36' W., and Las Palmas searched from 0800/30 until 1023/4 without result.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0352A/8, to EAGLE.)

I.C.WHITE. (torpedoed 27/9.)

Master of I.C. WHITE states his ship torpedoed 0210 G.M.T./27 when in 110* 26' S., 027° 30' W., weather cloudy visibility good wind 4/5 sea 3/4 speed 10 knots. Torpedo struck on starboard hand about 100 feet from stern well below waterline, immediately setting fire to tanks in the vicinity and after part of ship although loaded fuel oil and ship immediately abandoned. Dark shapes which presumed to be submarine visible after crew took to boats but no close view of this obtained nor communication established. Boats remained in the vicinity till daybreak at which time there was no sign of ship or submarine and former therefore presumed sunk. Casualties three drowned in leaving ship. *(11° or 10*)
(R.O., Rio de Janeiro, 1105/8, to D.N.I.)

DIXCOVE (torpedoed 24/9.)
Use of R/T receiver.

Statements have been made by S.S.ASHBY ex convoy S.L.87 to the effect that chief wireless operator Long, ex S.S.DIXCOVE, who had been picked up with other survivors, had admitted that the gag had been removed from his wireless receiver and that the B.B.C. news had been received at regular intervals. It is considered that the use of this wireless may have contributed to the subsequent attack on the convoy. Long was taken to Londonderry in GORLESTON together with 2nd operator. Efforts are being made to contact both of them.
(N.O.I.C. Oban, 1232A/8, to C. in C.W.A.)
See Admty., 2012/9.

CINGALESE PRINCE. (torpedoed 20/9.)

Ref. I.D. Form S.A.
(1) CINGALESE PRINCE.
(2) Prince Line.
(3) 0430/20/9 002° 00' S., 025° 30' W.
(4) Not sighted.
(5) 002° 00' S., 025° 30' W., not known.
(6) Not known.
(7) Ship sunk.
(8) Separate message.
(9) Number not known guns on fore deck about 3 in., machine guns on conning tower and after deck.
(10) Two torpedoes.
(11) In Chart Room and W/T Office in weighted bag sunk with ship.
(N.C.S.O. St. Vincent, C.V., 1515/8 to Admty.)
British, 8474 tons, sailed Table Bay 9/9 for Trinidad overdue since 26/9. Position

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Ships Attacked.

CINGALESE PRINCE.(torpedoed 20/9.) (Contd.) — Position torpedoed about 240 m. S.E. of St. Paul's Rocks. (D.S., 765.)

SVEND FOYN (torpedoed 7/10.) — My position 2000A, 061° 52' N., 020° 24' W., approx., course 115°, 2 knots. No sign of weather abating. SVEND FOYN holed starboard side. Have to keep this course until the weather moderates. LADY ELSA has lost touch with me. Special weather report. (SUNFLOWER, 2000A/8, to A.C.I.C.)

Submarines Reported.

Baltic 26/9. — Soviet Naval authorities report that a large unit of U-boats from Oslo passed into the Baltic through the Sound on 26/9. T.O.O. 1216C/8.
(Adm. Miles, 1220C/8, to Admty.)

0942Z. — Bearing by D/F at 0942Z/8, position of enemy U Boat was 069° 25' 044° 08' unreliable fix.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1349C/8.)

1422A. — Aircraft have been shadowing you. Attack from U/B's., may be expected.
(D.D.I.C. 1422A/8 to ROCHESTER, CAMPION, BLUEBELL, MALLOW.

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1448A/8.)

2027Z. — My 1856A/8. Further enemy transmission at 2027Z/8 indicates that convoy O.G.75 or Convoy H.G.74 is still being shadowed.
(D.D.I.C. 2158A/8.)

Submarines Attacked.

By LADY SHIRLEY 4/10. — Consideration is being given to publicize LADY SHIRLEY's exploit. Request you will signal full details as soon as possible.
(A.C.N.S.(T)1149A/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/Details.....

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Submarines Attacked.

By LADY SHIRLEY 4/10. (Contd.)

Details of attack on U/B at 1004/4, U/B brought to surface, crew surrendered, U/B sank at 1023/4, 45 survivors picked up, 1 died. Suggest immediate award to captain of LADY SHIRLEY, Lt. Com. A.H. Callaway, R. Australian N.V.R. (F.O.C.N.A., 2210A/8 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

By BLACK SWAN.

Torpedo track observed at 2055Z/8 in 050° 10' N., 025° 08' W. Submarine contact attacked but lost after firing 14 charges pattern. Intend abandoning search at midnight.
(BLACK SWAN, 2215Z/8, to C. in C.W.A.)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Strikes. The refitting and repair of 10 ships on the Clyde including ROYAL SOVEREIGN and ASCANIA are being delayed by strikes.

Escort inshore route. A new East coast inshore route came into use today.

C.W.53 shelled. Enemy coastal batteries fired 8 rounds between 2011 and 2055 today, some of which fell near C.W.53. No damage or casualties are reported. The convoy was using the new inshore route for the first time.

British Air Operations.

Fighter Command aircraft today successfully attacked shipping at Ostend and off Dunkirk, Pointe de Barfleur and Cap de la Hague.

Enemy Air Operations.

The Salt Factory on Trangisvaag (Sydero) was destroyed by enemy air attack this afternoon.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Operation S.N.160.

WELSHMAN and MANXMAN laid mines today in the East Coast Barrier.

Mines were detonated off the Humber and in the Bristol Channel. Normal traffic was resumed in the Bristol Channel at 1448A, with the exception of Cardiff and Penarth and Channel 201 Q.Z.S.

South Atlantic.

Proposals for refitting his destroyers and corvettes are contained in C. [illegible] in C. S.A's 1141/9.

It is proposed to embark 2nd Bn. French Fusilier Marins to be moved from Pointe Noire to Beirut, in CHANTILLY for passage to Suez.

Mediterranean.

Swordfish attacked a convoy at 0055 today 46 miles E.S.E. of Cape Bon and torpedoed and sank a 6000 ton merchant vessel.

A Wellington today obtained a hit on a 6/10,000 ton merchant vessel in a convoy off Marittimo Island.

Libya and Western Desert.

Enemy aircraft attacked Mersa Mátruh today, but no damage or casualties were caused.

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Mediterranean-Contd.

U. boats. Reports indicate that the Germans intend to operate U-boats in the Mediterranean. It seems possible that they may attempt to pass some U-boats into the Black Sea, and the Turkish authorities are being asked to try to prevent this.

America and West Indies.

U.S.A. Refits. B.A.R.M. Washington, today informed C.N.S. Ottawa, that Canadian corvettes or any other Canadian warship can be refitted in U.S.A. equally with U.K. vessels, but C.N.S. points out that the Lease Lend agreement does not apply to R.C.N. ships.

Iceland and U.S. tankers. B.A.D. Washington consider no advantage would be gained if R.N. and R.C.N. escorts calling at Iceland for fuel were supplied from U.S. naval tankers. If U.S. Navy had to keep stocks in Iceland for this purpose it would immobilize extra U.S. naval tankers, which are fast and therefore better employed at sea.

U-Boat Campaign.

As U-boats have rarely been sighted during recent attacks on well-escorted convoys C. in C. Western Approaches instructed S.O's of Escort Groups today to try out new counter measures.

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Policy.

Trawlers for H.F.

Your 1301A/8. Request you will detail trawlers as soon as possible from Irish Sea escort force. (C. in C. W.A., 1146A/9 to F.O.I.C. Belfast).
Your 1146A/9. Following six trawlers detailed. Names.
STELLA CAPELLA, CAPE ARGONA, and HUGH WALPOLE can be taken in hand at Belfast.
Request fitting out ports for others.
(F.O.I.C. Belfast, 1830A/9 to C. in C. W.A.)

Clyde strike.

My 1855/8. The strike has now spread to Lamonts, Greenock, and the completion dates of the following ships will be affected.
STANISLAS POUMET, BETTY INGLIS, LOGAN, AYRSHIRE, ROYAL SOVEREIGN, DANEMAN, YOUNG MUN, FREEBOOTER, ASCANIA. (F.O.I.C., Glasgow, 1830/9).

2 M/S Trawlers for Tyne.

Consider loss of Trawlers EILEEN DUNCAN and STAR OF DEVERON at Tyne on 30.9.41 reduces number of S.A. LL Trawlers there below the margin of safety. If trawlers to replace these are not being allocated by Admiralty, propose to temporarily transfer two from Dundee to North Shields, and two from Granton to Dundee. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1839/9).

Defence of United Kingdom.

Plymouth. Control of Smoke Screen.

Reference smoke camouflage now being instituted at Plymouth propose that control should be exercised by Ministry of Home Security, through C. in C. in area combined H.Q's which will be in direct telephone communication with smoke control office in the town. This is required so that C. in C. can have overiding control should any unforeseen Naval Operational requirement or movement make this necessary. Early approval for this arrangement is requested.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1907/9).

Movements.

INDOMITABLE. Arrived. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0728A/9).

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Movements.

INDOMITABLE Contd.	My 0005A/3. INDOMITABLE will leave Clyde on 15/10 for Bermuda. 2. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail ship in accordance with route and instructions to be promulgated by C. in C. W.A. 3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to detail A/S escorts to remain with ship to the limit of their endurance. 4. INDOMITABLE will proceed independently to destination when destroyer escort returns to U.K. (A.C.N.S. H., 2320A/9). My 2320/9. During this passage opportunity will occur of carrying out searches by aircraft for possible enemy surface ships. 2. If you can spare a cruiser to accompany INDOMITABLE to Bermuda and then return direct to Home Waters, the chances of success would be enhanced. 3. Request your remarks. (A.C.N.S. H., 2336A/9 to C. in C. H.F.)
RESOLUTION, WOOLSTON.	Arrived 0803. (C. in C. Plymouth 0928/9).
WOLVERINE.	Good landfall. Propose proceeding Hvalfjord. (WOLVERINE, 1005/9 to BROKE).
KENYA, SHEFFIELD.	My 1633A/7. KENYA and SHEFFIELD will now sail for Scapa at 1400/10. E.T.A. Scapa 1230/11. (C.S. 10, 1016A/9).
QUORN, VIVACIOUS, (SHROPSHIRE).	My 1010A/6. Intend to sail QUORN and VIVACIOUS to arrive off May Island A.M./11 and subsequently to meet SHROPSHIRE as ordered C. in C. Rosyth. (C. in C. Nore, 1038A/9). VIVACIOUS is to leave Sheerness at 1000/10 and proceed by swept channel and QZS 287 to vicinity of May Is. 2. Speed is to be adjusted to pass H.3. Buoy at 1800 where QUORN is to R/V with VIVACIOUS both destroyers proceeding thence in company adjusting speed to arrive off 22 Buoy at 0800/11. 3. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to issue subsequent orders for R/V with SHROPSHIRE. 4. When SHROPSHIRE is met QUORN and VIVACIOUS are to take stations 5 cables ahead and 3 cables astern of SHROPSHIRE respectively. Leading destroyer only is to operate S.A. If gear fails in QUORN destroyers are to exchange stations. (C. in C. Nore, 1120A/9).

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QUORN, VIVACIOUS (SHROPSHIRE) Contd.

My 1010A/6, para 3. Assume SHROPSHIRE can be sailed to arrive Sheerness on 12/10. Following is suitable time table.
2. If ship is to arrive Sheerness on 13/10 1 hour should be added to all times in para 1.
3. Request fighter protection may be arranged for daylight passage on day of sailing and fighter escort from daylight on second day until arrival.
(C. in C. Nore, 1640A/9 to R.A.D.)

SCOTT.

Your 1857A/8. Item (4) on the route given should be 292 Q Z S thence to 180° Lizard 5, 180° Start 8, thence to (5).
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1128/9 to R.A.M.)
Sailed SCOTT.
(N.O.I.C. Port Z.A , 1410/9).
My 1857/8. Amended route.
(R.A.M., 2341A/9 to SCOTT).

MARTICOT.

N.C.S.O. Reykjavik 1831/4. MARTICOT arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 1134A/9).
N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1134A/9. Request MARTICOT be sailed to Hull as convenient.
(D.M.S., 1944A/9 to C. in C. W.A.)

VERDUN.

Cancel my 0847. Am anchored in thick fog in 130° 2 miles from 19 D buoy. (VERDUN, 1245/9).

RISOR.

Yacht RISOR (Flying Red Ensign) is being utilized for special naval service and all facilities should be given. Captain Martin of Wiltshire Regiment in Command with 2 or 3 men as crew. Vessel expected to sail Embledon Bay today for St. Abbs and thence to Methil with ultimate destination Mallaig. Armament 2 Lewis guns. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1301/9).

ACTIVE, OPHELIA.

R.A. (D) H.F., 2301A/7. Weather unsuitable for sailing to Seidis Fjord. Am proceeding to Akuyri and intend to leave OPHELIA there. E.T.A. 0800A/10 My position 020° Langanes 15 miles.
(ACTIVE, 1335A/9).

WHADDON.

Detach WHADDON at daylight tomorrow to proceed to Rosyth independently at 21 knots.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1719/9 to VERSATILE).

/OTWAY.....

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OTWAY, H.34, Z.5.	Anchoring in Whitefarland Bay Islay with Z.5 and H.34 until the weather moderates. (OTWAY, 1945A/9).
UNA.	Your 1550A/9. No regulations are carried giving necessary information to compile programme. It is understood that only diving trials are required to be carried out. If this is correct I consider them unnecessary if passage to Clyde which contains two days diving is successful. (UNA, 1952A/9 to A.S. Chatham).
ROYAL SOVEREIGN.	Admiralty's 1743A/25/9 and ROYAL SOVEREIGN's 1755A/7. Programme is concurred in. 2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail ship for Scapa on 15/10 to work up under C. in C. H.F., who is requested to sail her again for the Clyde to arrive on 27/10. 3. C. in C. Home Fleet is requested to provide necessary escorts. (A.C.N.S. H., 2202A/9).

Operations.

Channel A/S Patrol.	4 A/S Trawlers will be on patrol on A.M.Q.Z. S 271, turning to westward in longitude 00° by 0200/10. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1223A/9 to FERNIE).
Operation E.J. Three M/Vs hit. One M/V set on fire.	Dawn attack on 8/10 8 aircraft. 5 turned back by weather in Vestfiord remainder bombed and set on fire 1000 ton M/V off Glomfiord and hit overhead cable pylons on Grond Island. Attack on Vestfiord repeated at 1245 by 8 aircraft. One hit on 1500 tons Norwegian HAAKON ADALSTEIN 30 miles North of Bodo, crew seen to abandon ship. 2 hits on Southbound convoy (?off) Bodo consisting of 2 2000 ton merchant ships escorted by 2 Flak ships. One 1000 ton ship seen near same position but not attacked. All aircraft returned safely from both attacks, air gunner of one being slightly wounded. No enemy A/C seen throughout the operation except one seaplane over (?coast). (C. in C. H.F., 2133A/9).
Convoy C.W.53 shelled.	Enemy coastal batteries fired eight rounds between 2011 and 2055 today. Six fell to the eastward and two to the westward of Dover in the vicinity of C.W.53. No damage or casualties reported. (V.A. Dover, 2307A/9).

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British Air Activity.

Patrols.

"Trost" and "Stab" also P.R.U. of Bergen, Trondheim, Kristiansand, and Oslo now flying. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1101/9).

Control of R.A.F. Iceland.

My O/326 of September 15th. R.A.F. Iceland ceases to be under the operational and administrative control of No. 15 group, and comes for all purposes under coastal command headquarters with effect from 10/10/41. (H.Q.C.C., 1210/9).

Enemy Air Activity.

Faeroes. Salt Factory destroyed.

Enemy aircraft carried out R/C of Faeroes today between 1230A and 1315A. 4 bombs dropped in Westmanhavn Harbour. No damage or casualties. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 1420A/9).
One Heinkel 111 made low level attack at 1455A today on Trangisvaag (Sydero). Salt Factory destroyed. No casualties.
(N.O.I.C. Faeroes, 2149/9).

Mining.

Bristol Channel.

Red mine detonated at 0805/9 by sweeper in 293° 2.1 miles from Fathom Light. (Capt. M/S Bristol Channel 0950A/9).
My 2059A/7. Ports of Cardiff and Penarth and Channel 201 Q.Z.S. remain closed. Otherwise normal traffic in Bristol Channel may be resumed. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1448A/9).
Red Mine detonated 1126/9 by LL in 315° 1.7 miles from Flatholm Light.
(Capt. M/S Bristol Channel, 1505A/9).

Confirmation of enemy Minelaying.

A. Nil.
B. Humber, three, night 5/6. Flamborough Head one, night 4/5. Bristol Channel, off Steepholm one, night 6/7. (D.M.S., 1154/9 to Air Ministry).

/Proposed.....

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Mining. - Contd.

Proposed operation.

1. It is proposed that WELSHMAN and MANXMAN shall proceed to Portsmouth on completion of an operation under the direction of C. in C. Plymouth, arriving on or shortly after 16/10.
2. It is desired to carry out minelaying operations across the French coastal route as far to the Eastward as possible.
3. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to put forward proposed positions for the minefields and to carry out the operations.
4. Mines should not be laid north of 50° 20' N., and the Newhaven - Dieppe zone is to be kept clear. (V.C.N.S., 1203A/9).

Master of M/V KERLOGUE reports that at 0345/7 in 256° 10 miles from K buoy mine exploded. Slight damage to ship's dynamo only. (Capt. M/S Swansea, 1530A/9).

Humber.

2 Mines detonated by sweeper at 1151 and 1203 today respectively. Details. (F.O. Humber, 2123A/9).

Enemy Intelligence.

Norwegian Coast.

Report graded B.3. states:-
(1) Catapult ship 9,000 tons passed Hellefjord 1430/9 escorted by 2 patrol boats and 12 aircraft, Course North, speed 10 knots.
(2) One loaded tanker 9,000 tons left Floro (61° 36' N., 5° 03' E) at 1600/9 escorted by two patrol boats. Course South. (D.D.I.C., 2315A/9).

Navigational.

St. Johns Point.

Admiralty list of lights part 1 No. 1942 St. Johns Point. Main and auxiliary lights now exhibited at reduced power. (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 1100A/9).

Bressay. Sumburgh Head.

Scheme B lights. Request Bressay and Sumburgh Head from 2300 until 0300A/10 only. (D.C. 1659A/9 to N.O.I.C. Lerwick).
Your 1659A/9. Lights arranged from 2300A/9 to 0300A/10. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 1909A/9).

/Oxcars.....

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Navigational. - Contd.

Oxcars. Oxcars Fog Signal out of action. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1744/9).

Seidis Fjord. All buoys mentioned in my 1027/5 have now been removed. Unlighted buoys are moored. (a) 255° 3 point 12 miles (b) 251° 3 point 12 miles, both from Brimness Light. (A.C.I.C., 1827Z/8).

Casualties and Defects.

CHELSEA. Your 2231A/8. Return Liverpool. (C. in C. W.A., 0118A/9 to CHELSEA).

EDINBURGH. Admiralty 1813/6. It will be necessary within the next four weeks to place EDINBURGH at 48 hours notice for steam while repairs are made. Repairs estimated to take six days if shore assistance provided. Propose to carry out repairs on arrival Clyde. B.2. boilers, now over 1000 hours, would be cleaned at same time. (C.S. 18., 0745/9 to C. in C. H.F.)
Amend my 0745/9 to read: Shore assistance is required for 2 Boilers as a similar defect has developed in last 24 hours in B.2. Boiler. (C.S.18 1129A/9).

GREENFLY. Departure GREENFLY in tow of TANGO for Grimsby. Route as in my 1222/6. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 0805/9).

PETER HENDRIKS. Proceeding to Yarmouth with badly leaking boilers. (SHELDRAKE, 0855A/9).

ST. ALBANS. No further damage, but sea more heavy. Will continue heaving to. My position established from D/F bearing at 1015 is 063° 07', 023° 28', course and speed 085° 3 knots. (ST. ALBANS 1030A/9).

ACTIVE. Your 1620A/5. Intend to sail ACTIVE for refit at Hull on completion of ICARUS. Turbine requires re-blading. (R.A.B.H.F., 1123A/9).

NORTHERN WAVE. Expected capable of 6 knots in one hour. Has urgent defects. Am escorting to Reykjavik. (SARDONYX, 2033A/9).

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CRAGPOOL. Serious breakdown main engine. Impossible to move engine. Vessels drifting before strong wind. Require assistance in to Harbour. Position off the entrance to Loch Ewe. (CRAGPOOL, 2340/9). Effected temporary repairs. Endeavouring to make harbour with assistance. (CRAGPOOL, 0230/10 to S.N.O. Loch Ewe).

Shipping and Convoys.

S.C.46. Not present VICIA. FIDELIO straggler 7th Oct. and has not rejoined. (WALKER, 0030A/9).

DAYTONIAN. Sailed 2 hours late from Clyde to overtake convoy O.N.24. Ship has valuable cargo. She is to be met and joined up with convoy as soon as possible. (C. in C. W.A., 0746A/9 to O.N.24)

CITY OF PRETORIA. Detail one Liverpool destroyer secret R/V CITY OF PRETORIA to sweep. If necessary destroyer is to be detached immediately to fuel at Londonderry and rejoin. (C. in C. W.A., 0853A/9 to EDINBURGH.)

F.S.14. Cancel my 1114. F.S.14 anchored off Whitby, very strung out in fog. (VALOROUS 1203/9) (C. in C. Rosyth, 1258/9). My 1245. Proceeding visibility ½ mile. (VERDUN, 1302/9). F.S. No. 14 still anchored in fog. Proceed to anchor off Humber Light Vessel and await further orders. (C. in C. Nore, 1735A/9 to HAMBLEDON, WHITSHED).

P.W.47 W.P.48. Pass to Cmdre. of P.W.47 and W.P. 48. Dimmed navigation lights are to burn between 2100 and 2400 tonight. One A.M.C. escorted on passage northward. (C. in C. Plymouth, 1506/7 to ATHERSTONE, BROCKLESBY).

F.S.17 E.C.85. Amend my 1201/9. Escorts of F.S.17 and E.C.85. VIVIEN, VIMIERA. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1534/9).

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P.Q.2.
My 1553A/8. HARTLEBURY now delayed 24 hours. All times should read 24 hours later. Intend sailing motor vessel KHETI in company to Scapa. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1551A/9).
F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1558/8. HARTLEBURY will not complete loading at Manchester until P.M./12 and cannot therefore be ready to sail from Mersey until p.m./13.
2. All ships of Clyde section will be ready to sail p.m. /13.
3. F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to make revised arrangements for sailing convoy to Scapa.
4. Sailing of convoy from Scapa will have to be postponed until 16/10. (A.C.N.S. H., 1934A/9).

S.C.47.
CHICOUTIMI.
Following received. Repeats RICHMOND 1515Z/8. (D.S.O., 1648A/9 to Opnav).

O.S.9
O.S.9 G.
A.M. 2002A/7 Gibraltar section of O.S.9 will be known as O.S. 9 G.
(D.T.D., 1650A/9).

B.B. Convoys.
Cancel my 1941/24/7/40. Belfast is now the onward routeing port for Bristol Channel ships all of which proceed in B.B. convoy.
Onward destinations will be given by N.C.S.O. Belfast.
Routes specified in N.C.S.I. 323, para 1, are still to be given. (D.T.D., 1652A/9).

BRITISH PRUDENCE.
Your 1640/7. On completion discharge request oiler BRITISH PRUDENCE be ordered New York for repairs and not Curacao.
(D. of S. 1727A/9 to A.C.I.C.)

C.E.52
Convoy C.E.52 completed passage without incident.
(C. in C. Nore, 1930A/9).

H.X.151.
Met as arranged with all ships. A number of temporary mechanical breakdowns. All ships now arrived. (D.T.D., 1942A/9 to Opnav).

ONS.25
ARVIDA
DAUPHIN.
Intend to sail ARVIDA with ONS.25 A.M./11 in accordance with C.C. Newfoundland 1314Z/27/9 para (iii) break off at Washington limit of endurance to proceed to St. Johns Newfoundland. French S/M DAUPHIN delayed by defect.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2204A/9).

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North Atlantic.

French Shipping.	Passings 8/10. French westbound CHRIMARE, ARIZONA, STRABON, PARAME all in ballast KERMARIA full. (V.A.C.N.A. 0911A/9 to Admty. for M.E.W.)
2-man S/M raid on Gibraltar 20/9.	My 1930A/29. Spanish diver operating from lighter p.m./8 recovered 3 pieces of Italian two-man submarine in position 346½° North Mole light 11 cables. 2. Close examination of these pieces established that craft was same as that employed in attack on Malta. One addition observed is a power operated wire cutter on fore part of craft capable of cutting wire up to (?7/8th) of inch diameter. 3. After recovering these pieces lighter moved to position 450 yards due South Puntamala and resumed diving. Believed 2nd two-man submarine is lying in proximity to this position, but nothing recovered by diver yesterday. 4. Although Spanish permitted fairly close examination they refused permit taking of photographs. (F.O.C.N.A. 0928A/9 to Admty.)
SARASTOWE broken down.	ROCHESTER's 1800Z/8 (N.T.in W.D.) Have ordered N.C.S.O. (?Lisbon) to send tug. (F.O.C.N.A. 0932A/9 to Admty.) My 0932A/9 N.C.S.O. Lisbon reports no Tugs available. Fleet Tug ST.DAY being sent from Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1632A/9 to Admty.
TRUANT.	My 1140A/8 TRUANT delayed at least 24 hours by engine defect. (F.O.C.N.A. 1108A/9 to C. in C. Med.)
PORPOISE.	Intend to sail PORPOISE for Malta p.m./11 passing through 038° 00' 009° 00' about 0400A/15. (F.O.C.N.A. 1408A/9 to C. in C. Med.)
AZALEA, SPIREA.	Request AZALEA, SPIREA, may be sailed for Gibraltar after 24 hours in harbour. (F.O.C.N.A. 1620A/9 to C. in C. S.A.)
WISHART.	Request date of completion and date of sailing of WISHART. (F.O.C.N.A. 1748A/9 to Admty.)
WILD SWAN.	Left Las Palmas 1800Z/9, 27 knots, to rejoin EAGLE. (WILD SWAN, 1922A/9 to F.O.C.N.A.)

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South Atlantic.

S.L.89. Convoy S.L.89 N.O.I.C. Bathurst's 0905/8 (N.T.in W.D.) refers to Ocean resort. (S.O.I. Freetown 1057N/9 to Admty. etc.) W.R. Note: Departure of WELLINGTON and STORK.

PANTELIS. Your 1854/8. No. Reported overdue in my 0845/7. (S.O.I. Capetown 1105/9 to Admty.)

Refits. Your 1113A/26/8 and 1844/5/9. Intend to sail Corvettes of S.A. Station for refit in U.K. one at a time with every other S.L. Convoy commencing with S.L.93. Destroyers cannot be spared until WIVERN and BOREAS return from U.K. or WILD SWAN from Gibraltar. VELOX is already due for refit, WRESTLER overdue for docking and due for refit in February. VANSITTART due for docking now. Propose (1) VANSITTART and WRESTLER dock at Gibraltar in turn. (2) WILD SWAN return to Freetown. (3) VELOX proceed U.K. for refit as soon as WIVERN or BOREAS return to S.A. Station. (C. in C. S.A. 1141N/9 to Admty.)

W.S.11. OTRANTO. Your 0338/31/5. Convoy W.S.11. Para 2 (B) OTRANTO two leaky oil burners require permanent repairs. Time required seven days. If serious leaks develop dry docking will be necessary at Bombay. Remainder no defects. (P.S.T.O. Simonstown, 1151B/9 amended 1705/9.)

CINGALESE PRINCE. Your 0033/2. N.C.S.O. St. Vincent reports vessel torpedoed 20/9. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1212/9 to S.O.I. Jamaica.)

ETHIOPIAN, WALLFLOWER, NIGELLA. E.T.A. at Freetown 18th approx. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1212/9 to C. in C. S.A.)

DERBYSHIRE. My 1821N/5. Request you will sail DERBYSHIRE p.m./13 to patrol in K.34 B. and K.35 A. Channel Buoy K.34 B. and K.35 A. DERBYSHIRE will subsequently be required for escort of 24 Gold Coast Brigade to Takoradi. (C. in C. S.A., 1321N/9 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown. and 1912N/11)

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Corvettes.	Your 1219A/7 and my 2109/30 as amended by 0903/1. Intended to sail remaining 3 corvettes for exchange with Western Approaches corvettes with S.L.91 about 24/10. (C. in C. S.A. 1347M/9 to C. in C. W.A.)
SEVERN.	Admty. 0020/1. Request probable sailing date of SEVERN. (C. in C. S.A. 1537N/9 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Movement.	Departure 0730/9 vessels mentioned in C. in C. S.A's 1617N/8. Most Secret (N.T. in W.D.) (S.O.I. Freetown 1511N/9 to F.O.I.C.Simonstown.)
TOMBOUCTOU. (French)	Arrival 9/10. (Pointe Noire 1804/9 to M. of W.T.)
A/S Div. and Brazilian S/Ms.	All Brazilian submarine commanders have been notified of arrival of A/S division. Chief of Staff will inform me at once of any movements of Brazilian submarines he may order. I have chart of Abrolhos. Shall I retain or forward to Buenos Aires? Ambassador arriving by air not before 17/10. (N.A. Rio de Janeiro, 1921Z/9 to R.A.S.A.D.)
French Troop Transport.	French Naval Authorities request passage from Pointe Noire to Beirut for 2nd Bn. Fusilier Marins. Total strength about 130 personnel. 2. Propose they be embarked at Freetown in CHANTILLY for passage to Suez. 3. Request whether arrangements can be made for movement from Pointe Noire to Freetown in time to embark in CHANTILLY. (D.S.T. 2203A/9 to C. in C. S.A.)

Mediterranean.

U/Bs passing into Black Sea.	Following for Adm. Kelly:- Several reports have been received indicating that Germans intend to operate U/Boats in Mediterranean. Some may have already passed Gibraltar. Possible that Germans may be

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Mediterranean.

U/Bs passing into Black Sea contd.

intending to pass some of these U-boats into Black Sea. Request you will warn Turkish Authorities of this possibility and ask them to do all they can to prevent this. Suggested you base your request on the effect it would have on our future war effort rather than the assistance it would be to Russia. (1st S.L. 0141A/9 to N.A. Ankara.)

Haifa Raid.

My 0916/8. Now estimated 5 enemy aircraft, 6000 to 10000 feet, approx. 24 bombs dropped, all believed to be Italian. (N.O.I.C. Haifa 1003/9 to C. in C. Med.)

ROSALIE MOLLER.

Egypt. My A.853, 8/10, para 1, now reported S.S. ROSALIE MOLLER, 3960 ton collier, sunk by enemy aircraft in Gulf of Suez night 7/8. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1154/9.)

Enemy Units. RORQUAL.

Two Merchant Ships and one destroyer are expected to pass through following position at 2235B/10 and 0700B/11 respectively: (a) 036° 50' 020° 25' (b) 035° 30' 020° 35' Speed 10 knots. Proceed to vicinity of 035° 00' 020° 27' and endeavour to intercept. If nothing has been sighted by dark on 11th proceed to Malta. (Capt. S.1. 1355B/9 to RORQUAL.)

Black Sea and Ukraine.

(1) Enemy advancing rapidly in South Ukraine. Melitopol, Berdystruk, Mariupol, all captured. (2) Further attack on Crimea expected very soon. (3) Concentration of ships, pontoons, merchant vessels, and men in Danube estuary and Bulgarian ports as if in readiness for landing at Odessa or in Crimea. (N.L.O. Black Sea, 1702C/9 to Admty.)

Suez Canal mines.

My 2021B/6. Mines at k.m. 18.2 exploded 15 yards (? from) the Bank Canal and could not have been laid from a ship in transit. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal, 1751B/9 to Admty. etc.)

Eurekas.

Three Eurekas will be shipped to M.E. to replace casualties. Please state whether you wish them consigned to Aden or Suez. (D.O.D.(F) 1816A/9.)

/Air

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Air Transport Malta.	Your GM/18486 of 4/10, (1800/4, N.T.in W.D.) Your request under urgent consideration. Necessity for regular air transport service fully appreciated, but provision of adequate number suitable type aircraft our chief difficulty at present. (W.O., 1835/9 to Govr. Malta.)
	Night 8/9, 4/10 Swordfish attacked Convoy 2335 hours 060° Cape Bon 46 miles. 2 direct hits with -Torpedoes, M/V 6000 tons, ship seen to sink within 10 minutes of attack, 2 rowing boats left sinking ship for escort. Near misses with bombs on E-boat and Schooner, opposition nil. Special R/C Wellington located Convoy 2330 hours 2 miles North East Marittimo Island. 1 M/V 6 to 10,000 tons attacked. One direct bomb hit, explosion observed, decking and hatch cover blown up followed by columns of white smoke; claimed as damaged. (H.Q. Malta, 1900/9.)
Enemy Minelaying, REGENT.	Enemy activity probably minelaying continues off principal ports in your area and important that you should be in vicinity on morning of 10/10 and for next two or three days. My 1451B/8 in accordance with enemy's normal practice it is to be expected that there will be previous indiscriminate depth charging of the area as a deterrent. (Capt. S.1. 1909B/9 to REGENT.)
R/C for Force H.	In future when referring to my memorandum 52, Sept. 5, requirements will be prefaced by words "Reconnaissance requirements" without further reference. (S.O. Force H. 1935A/9 to V.A. Malta.)
PROTEUS, TALISMAN.	British surface forces will be at sea (?to) north and west of Alexandria during 10th and 11th. Remain within (?20) miles of following positions: (A) PROTEUS 033° 10' 026° 30' until 0001B/11. (B) TALISMAN 033° 20' 029° 00' until 0300B/11. Both submarines then proceed direct to end of searched channel adjusting speed to arrive in Alexandria Sanctuary at 0530B/12. (S.1, 1941B/9 to PROTEUS, TALISMAN.) W.D. Note: Position (a) was amended by 1125B/10, see 10/10.
UPHOLDER.	Is not sailing tonight, 9th. (Capt. S.10, 2105A/9 to 10th S/M.F.)

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Operation "Halberd".	My 1727/1 para 2 (N.T.in W.D.) V.A. Malta now reports that signal from shadowing aircraft timed 1515/27 (N.T. in W.R.) reporting enemy's course as north was not received. This undoubtedly accounted for failure of ARK ROYAL's shadowing aircraft and striking force to locate enemy. (S.O. Force H. 2232A/9 to Admty.)
PERSEUS patrol.	PERSEUS reports during her patrol (?search channel) mast used appears to be 311° from Benghazi. All ships were (?escorted) A/S patrol seems to have decreased and air activity was slight. (Capt. S.1. 2245B/9 to REGENT.)
THORN.	Intend to surface 12 miles 316° from outer end of North west searched Channel at 1159B/10 S.O.A. thence 11 knots. (THORN, 2327B/9 to V.A. Malta.)

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East Indies.

Guns for M/V's Red Sea.	A.M. 1356/6. Guns in use in Aden for Shuttle Service at present are 32 Hotchkiss 8 Lewis and 37.30 shoulder shooting Savage Lewis, total 77, of which 54 are away in ships. A further fifty due from U.K. vide A.M. 2007/9/7. It will therefore be necessary to provide 73 guns if present system of one man per gun is to be maintained. No tracer ammunition for .30 Savage Lewis guns has yet been received. (S.N.O. Red Sea 0846Z/9 to C. in C.E.I.)
Persian Bases.	Your 1056/4 and your 1046/6. Approved to proceed as suggested in Tehran telegram No. 909 repeated to you No.13. Please inform F.O.C.R.I.N. (Head of M. 1248A/9 to C. in C.E.I.)

China.

Miri Oilfields.	Your 1936/1. Provided certain preparatory work is carried out beforehand estimated scheme (A) and scheme (B) would each take one week. If extractable plant could not be shipped it could be destroyed in one day. Scheme (B) has thus no advantage over (A) and is not recommended. 2. Under assumptions (A) and (B) all points confirmed except blowing up of sea loading line would be deferred until actual emergency. (C. in C. China, 0351Z/9, to Admty.)
D'ARTAGNAN (French.)	Arrived. (Manila, 0608Z/9, to D. of S.T.)

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America & West Indies.

Manning of U.S. M/V's. My 1346A/8. Prime Minister has with full concurrence of Chiefs of Staff sent a telegram to the President giving reasons why we definitely prefer the second alternative and that if we can give orders at once 20,000 troops will arrive at Halifax on 7/11.
(1st. S.L., 0140A/9, to B.A.D.)

American Tugs. My 1806Z/4. Sailing deferred to 1300Z/9 owing to weather conditions.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 0146Z/9 to Admty.)
Further to My 1843Z/9, (N.T. in W.D.) following is fuel capacity of tugs: BARWICK 27 days, JAS. E. HUGHES 16 days, PETER C GALLAGHER 12 days, AMERICAN 8 days. Estimated that BARWICK will make crossing, JAS E HUGHES will attempt to do so and remaining 2 will return to port. MIDSHIP has ordered Halifax as return port.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B. 1903Z/9, to Admty.)

WORCESTERSHIRE. In view of weather report WORCESTERSHIRE is to sail for Halifax forthwith, so as to arrive 11/10.
(C. in C.A.W.I., 0952Q/9, to WORCESTERSHIRE.)

French Transport. Guiana. For information. Governor of Dutch Guiana reports French Auxiliary probably GOUVERNEUR MOUTTET left St. Laurent in Maroni River P.M./8, to embark native soldiers (?Motor) transport and land them in French Guiana.
(C. in C.A.W.I., 1059Q/9 to PRINCE HENRY.)
My 1059Q/9.
Is anything known by U.S.Authorities of this troop movement?
(C. in C.A.W.I., 1242Q/9, to B.A.D.)
Your 1242/9. Up to present time U.S.Authorities have heard nothing of this troop movement.
(B.A.D., 1951R/9.)

INDOMITABLE escort. Your 2343A/5. Admiral Stark informs me he much regrets shortage of destroyers prevents his complying with this request.
(B.A.D., 1131R/9, to Admty.)

Canadian Refits in U.S.A. Admty. 1346A/7. Canadian Corvettes or any other Canadian Warship can be refitted in U.S.A., equally with U.K. Vessels.
(B.A.R.M., 1144R/9, to C.N.S. Ottawa.)
See 1617/10.

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VAN KINSBERGEN, Ammunition tests.	Your 1929A/6. Netherlands N.A. will inform me when ammunition is ready and to which port VAN KINSBERGEN should proceed. Trials will be carried out at Aberdeen proving ground. (N.A.Washington, 1215R/9, to Admty.)
Canadian Corvettes. refits.	Your 1346A/7. Except for exceptional circumstances it is anticipated repair facilities in Canada will be sufficient for maintenance of Canadian corvettes. Proposed that Canadian manned R.N. corvettes should be repaired and alterations and additions carried out in U.S. under lend-lease agreement by British Govt. (C.N.S., Ottawa, 1501Z/9, to Admty.)
U.S.Transports.	My 1549Z/8 (N.T. in W.R.) Troops will proceed from U.K. to embark in these ships at Halifax early November and it is anticipated that British Transports will return to U.K. with Canadian Personnel. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1555Z/9, to C.O.A.C.)
WORCESTER-SHIRE. CARADOC. ASTURIAS.	Bermuda Departure 9/10 WORCESTERSHIRE at 1600Q in accordance with my 0952Q/9/10. E.T.A. Halifax 0600Q/12. CARADOC at 1000Q in accordance with my 1112Q/8/10. E.T.A.Trinidad 0930Q/13. Arrival, ASTURIAS, remaining at sea in view of weather report. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1623Q/9 to Admty.)
Fuel Iceland.	U.S. tankers not to be used to fuel R.N. and R.C.N., escort ships. Reasons. (B.A.D., 1723R/9 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
Refitting CARADOC - U.S.A.	Admty., 2156A/7. Propose CARADOC should arrive Brooklyn 28/10. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1732Q/9, to B.A.R.M.)
ASTURIAS.	Working up programme is delayed owing to hurricane precautions at Bermuda. Further signal will be made. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1742Q/9 to C. in C.S.A.)
A/S Craft.	Your 1216Q 18/8. (Allocation of A/S craft to Jamaica & Bermuda.) Reallocation proposed in para. (a) approved. (D.D.O.D. (C) 1917A/9 to C. in C.A.W.I.)

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MILDRED PAULINE. Sailed Barbados 9/9, due Cornerbrook 24th, has not arrived.
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1948Z/9, to Admty.)

CATHAY. Your 1412Z/27/9 reference CATHAY's date of arrival New York 13/10. Height of mast 165 feet over (?Grapnel) Aerial.
(C.O.A.C. Halifax 2109Z/9 to B.A.R.M.)

Australia.

CAPITAINE ILLIAQUER. (French.) Arrival 8/10.
(N.C.S.O. Post Kembla, 0001Z/9 to D. of S.T.)

New Zealand.

LE TRIOMPHANT. Amended programme.
(LE TRIOMPHANT 1900M/9.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

General.

Tactics when attacking convoys.

A U-Boat has only rarely been sighted during recent attacks on well escorted convoys. This points to either (A) U-Boat firing from outside escorts and escaping before torpedoes hit, or (B) U-Boat diving before torpedoes hit.
(2) Possible counter is for escorts to be stationed at maximum practicable distance from convoy (say 3 miles when R.D.F. or visibility allow station-keeping at this distance).
(3) After an attack recommended action is then:-
(A) M/V's and escorts fire Snowflakes.
(B) Escorts fire Starshell outwards manoeuvring to take best advantage of illuminants.
(C) When S.O. Escorts is satisfied that full advantage has been taken of illumination without U-Boat being sighted, give executive signal for escorts to turn towards convoy and sweep ares by Asdic at about 15 knots, counter-attacking all likely contacts.
(D) Escorts sighting no U-Boat or gaining no contact, turn on nearing convoy and sweep back to station.
(4) I wish S.O.'s escorts to try out these measures when they consider circumstances are suitable. (C. in C. W.A. 1305A/9 to S.O.'s of Escort Groups).

Ships attacked.

SVEND FOYN. (torpedoed 7/10)

My position at 0930A 061° 42' N. 019° 38' W. apprax. Course 330° (? speed) about 8 knots. SVEND FOYN has 15° starboard list but is in no danger foundering. Weather (SUNFLOWER 0945A/9 to A.C.I.C.)

DIXCOVE (torpedoed 24/9) use of R/T.

N.O.I.C. Oban's 1232/8. Consider that use of R/T renders danger from radiation comparatively insignificant. Ship was fitted with Marconi 352A receiver gagged on 500 to 1200 metre range only. This should not have affected reception of B.B.C. News. Request Long be sent to Admty. for interview. No other action appears necessary. (A.C.N.S. (T) 2012A/9 to C. in C. W.A.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

1027. Unconfirmed sound contact submarine 43.38 N. 64.27 W. (Opnav, 1027/9 to Admty.)

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1411A/9).

Today's S/M Situation.
(U.S. Chief of Naval Operations 2219Q/9 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet).

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SITUATION REPORT

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SS WARKWORTH in O.N. 23 was in collision in the early hours of this morning and at 0614 GMT reported she was abandoning ship in 58° 24' N., 22° 28' W.

Tug ZWARTE ZEE was sailed at 0500A today to assist SS CRAGPOOL, broken down in Loch Ewe area.

British Air Operations

R.A.F. Iceland came under Coastal Command Headquarters for all purposes today.

Six Hudsons of Coastal Command attacked shipping and other targets at Aalesund last night. Another Hudson hit a 2000 ton merchant vessel off Kvanhovde.

3 Blenheims were despatched this afternoon to attack a convoy of 12 merchant vessels which had been sighted earlier off Ijmuiden; the convoy was located off the Hague and a 2000 ton ship received two hits and is claimed as seriously damaged and probably sunk.

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Enemy Air Operations

One or more enemy aircraft attacked the Faeroes this afternoon. Klaksvin harbour was bombed and damaged, a smack was sunk and two trawlers were damaged.

SHEARWATER shot down an enemy A/C which attacked the rear of Convoy F.S. 15 at 1915 today off Withernsea. No damage to the ship is reported.

Mining

Several mines were exploded today in the Humber area. SS KYMA in F.S. 14 was mined about 20 miles S.E. of Flamborough Head and sank on 11/10 near Humber L.V.

Bristol Channel ports were opened without restriction from 0941A to 1400 today. Mines were detonated and at 2255 all traffic in and out of Bridgewater Bay was suspended.

North & South Atlantic

Modifications in the present system of routeing ships sailing independently are proposed by the Admiralty.

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Mediterranean

Boundary with East Indies.

Admiralty approval was given today to C. in C. Med's proposals to revise the boundary between Mediterranean and East Indies Stations to include the Red Sea in the Mediterranean Command. (see 4/10, Page 99)

Libya and Western Desert.

5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour last night, and 1 bombed Derna.

Enemy aircraft attacked Tobruk last night. No damage or casualties are reported.

Air Attack on Convoy.

6 Swordfish with torpedoes and 1 with bombs attacked a convoy (apparently off Tripoli) at 2108 today and seriously damaged 2 M/V's of 6000 tons which were left stopped with destroyers circling. Later R/C showed one 8000 ton M.V. on fire, 1 stationary destroyer and another steaming south, 66 miles N.N.W. of Tripoli. Further R/C was unable to find the 8000 ton merchant vessel, but only an extensive area of oil.

Palestine & Syria.

There was an air raid on Haifa between 0415 and 0445 today by one or two planes. Damage was negligible.

China

The Soviet authorities report that a large German ship, which may be SS SCHARNHORST (18184 tons) has been loading at Kobe and was due to sail on 5/10 for Lisbon and will act as a raider en route.

Dutch ships are to use British convoys.

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America & West Indies

A.M.C's	By agreement with U.S.A. 5 A.M.C's are allotted for escort work in the North Atlantic, though in fact there are still 7 at Halifax. The U.S.A. are being asked if these A.M.C's may be withdrawn for service on the outer oceans.

U-Boat Campaign

SS NAILSEA MANOR.	SS NAILSEA MANOR, Belfast to Freetown and Suez was reported at 0401Z torpedoed in 18° 25' N., 21° 20' W., and sank later.
O.G. 75.	At 1308A 7 German S/M's were being homed, probably on to O.G. 75, by F.W's.
Mediterranean	3 "A" lighters on passage from Mersa Matruh to Tobruk with tanks and M.T. had an engagement early this morning with a U-Boat in 31° 35' N., 46° 41' E. and claim to have hit it several times before it submerged.
A. & W.I.	With reference to the recent reports of U-Boats in the Caribbean, it is reported that U-29 is to operate between San Domingo and the Gulf of Mexico for 10 days from 9/10.

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Policy.

Strikes on Clyde.

My 1855/8 and my 1830/9. After negotiations continued until 2030 tonight, there is prospect of return to work at Scotts on Friday morning and an expectation that work will be resumed at other affected shipyards in the lower reaches on Friday afternoon. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow 0100/10.)

6 A/S Trawlers for Belfast.

Admiralty 1709A/7. Intend to transfer SWORD DANCE, TANGO, PETER HENDRIKS, NEIL MACKAY, PAUL RYKENS and ELSE RYKENS when they have completed present sea commitments and have been coaled and provisioned. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1002A/10) Concur with C. in C. Nore's 2212A/7. These trawlers have been very helpful in the protection of East coast convoys. (C. in C. Rosyth 1847/10.)

Reykjavik.

Position as to berthing and quay space very acute. Cargoes expected to end December cannot be landed. Details and proposals. (A.C.I.C. 1404Z/10) See Lion Copy.

A/S Trawlers for Arctic Service.

A.M.1710A/7 and your 1830A/9. A/S Trawlers CAPE ARGONA, STELLA CAPELLA and HUGH WALPOLE can now be prepared for Arctic service at Harland and Wolffe, Belfast, and CAPE MARLATO, BLACK FLY and PAYNTER at Gordon Alisons, Birkenhead. Necessary priority to be given to complete as early as possible. Instructions as to work required are being sent. Additional charts and warm clothing are being arranged. (D.A/S.W. 1902A/10 to F.O.I.C. Belfast.)

Co-operation with Russia.

Proposed removal of restriction.

Your 0959C/27. The restriction laid down in paragraph 3 (f) of A.M.1859A August 30th is being considered by C. in C. H.F. and a decision may be expected shortly. (A.C.N.S.H. 1054A/10 to Ad. Miles.)

Defence of U.K.

Plymouth. Control of Smoke Screen.

Your 1907/9. Following arrangements for operational control have been agreed. (V.C.N.S. 2329A/10) See Lion Copy.

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Movements.

KING GEORGE V. etc. — Scapa arrivals KING GEORGE V. with VICTORIOUS, PENELOPE, SOMALI, ESKIMO, BEDOUIN, MATABELE, ASHANTI. (A.C.O.S. 0931A/10.)

WESTCOTT. — Unless forecast shows probability of deterioration of weather propose postponement of rough weather trials. (WESTCOTT 1100A/10.)
Your 1100A/10. Bad weather is anticipated in 24 hours. Act on this assumption.
(C. in C. W.A. 1326A/10 to WESTCOTT.)

SHROPSHIRE. — Your 1640A/9. SHROPSHIRE leaves Scapa 1000A/11 to arrive Flamborough Head 0630A/12.
(V.A.2. 1119A/10.)

SHROPSHIRE, VIVACIOUS, QUORN. — C. in C. Nore's 1640A/9. Leave convoy at 1900A/1(and return to Scapa. (V.A.2. 1121A/10 to SHROPSHIRE.)
My 1640A/9 para (i). Amend timetable to read 0530/12 Flamborough Head, 1230/12 Aldeburgh Light-Buoy, 1330/12 Sunk Buoy, 1630/12 Sheerness.
(C. in C. Nore 1644A/10 to R.A.D.)
C. in C. Nore's 1120A/9. Paras 2 and 3. VIVACIOUS and QUORN proceed from 22 buoy 0800/11 to Methil and anchor to await further orders.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1745/10.)

MOUVENET. (Turkish destroyer.) — My 1016/9 sailed. (N.O.I.C. Barrow 1407A/10.)

CHESHIRE, LEINSTER, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD. — Your 1029/10. Intend keeping Westwards 4° W. for night on reverse course. Speed 10 knots through position (E) towards (D) till midnight, then return on same route. Will retain escort. VERITY and LEINSTER will enter swept channel at 0700A/11 endurance at 0800/11.
(CHESHIRE 1430A/10.)
Your 1430A/10. Keep eastwards of dividing line when proceeding northwards. Attention is called to AZ 470. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2059A/10 to CHESHIRE.)

UNA. — Sheerness departure 1423 UNA for Holy Loch escort(by COTTESMORE to Dungeness. E.T.A. 0630/15.
(C. in C. Nore 1512A/10 and 2055A/10.)

SHEFFIELD, KENYA. — Sailed SHEFFIELD and C.S.10 in KENYA in accordanc(with C.S.10's 1633A/7 as amended by 1016A/9.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1518A/10.)

/INDOMITABLE

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Movements - contd.

INDOMITABLE, LONDON.	Aircraft trial completed. Intend to stay at Greenock till 0730/13 to make good defects. On 13/10 embarking Squadron in Clyde near Arran Island. On 15/10 return to Greenock about 0900 and sail at 1600 in accordance with working up programme. (INDOMITABLE 1617A/10.) Your 2336A/9. Concur in desirability of sending a Cruiser and, with commitments as at present known, one can be spared. Propose to send LONDON, postponing her repairs about a week. (C. in C. H.F. 2332A/10.)
NORMAN.	1222/10. R.A.D. H.F. 0930/7. Request E.T.A. NORMAN and whatever orders are after arrival. (Ad. Miles 2119C/10 to Adty.)

Operations.

East Coast Patrol.	My 1106A. M/L patrol is cancelled. (C. in C. Nore. 1649A/10.)

British Air Activity.

Escort for CHESHIRE.	Cancel my 0930A/9. Request protection 1000A/10 to dusk/10 and first light 11th to arrival Liverpool. (C. in C. W.A. 1145A/10 to 9 Group) Amend my 1145A/10 in accordance with F.O.I.C. Liverpool's 1029A/10. (C. in C. W.A. 1239A/10 to 9 13 Groups.)

Enemy Air Activity.

O.G.75.	Three Condor aircraft active, probably looking for O.G.75. (D.D.I.C. 1033A/10 to O.G.75.)
Faroes. Klaksvin bombed. FUGLOYGJIN sunk. 2 Trawlers damaged.	One or more enemy aircraft believed Junkers 88 over Faeroes today between 1310 and 1410. Klaksvin harbour bombed, Faeroes smack FUGLOYGJIN sunk, main quay demolished in centre, two Aberdeen Trawlers damaged. One allied ship casualty. One aircraft believed hostile again over Faeroes at 1515 but no incidents reported. (N.O.I.C. Faeroes 1658A/10)
Convoy F.S.15.	Enemy A/C bombed rear of "Breast" at 1915. SHEARWATER reports one A/C shot down. (WESTMINSTER 1932/10)

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Mining.

S.N.16 C. — Arrival WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. (N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 0120A/10)

Bristol Channel. — Shipping may now enter and leave Cardiff and Penarth and Q.Z.S. 201 is open. It is proposed to close these ports and Q.Z.S. 201 from 1400 today and to reopen after sweeping operations at 1030 tomorrow. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 0941A/10)
All traffic in and out of Bridgwater Bay is suspended until further orders. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 2255/10)

KYMA. (Greek, 3994 Tons) — Immingham departure H.M. Tug SABINE at 1015 to assist S.S. KYMA. (F.O. Humber 1039/10)

Liverpool. — As from 0001A/12 Port of Liverpool including Q.Z.S.298, Q.Z.S.215 and Q.Z.S.303 will be closed from half an hour after sunset until 0730 each day. Ships sailed for Liverpool are not to enter swept channels unless they can pass Rock Light River Mersey before time of closing port. Cancel my 1510A/28/8. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1531A/10)

Enemy Intelligence.

Tanker. — Loaded 9,000 tons tanker escorted by 2 trawlers passed Hellefjord at 0700/10. Course North. Graded B.2. (D.D.I.C. 1118A/10)

Various Intelligence. — (N.A. Stockholm 1741/10)
See Lion Copy.

Technical.

R.D.F. Masking Station at North Foreland. — My 2307A/9. Reception of enemy R.D.F. transmissio indicated that shelling was almost certainly due to ranges obtained by 5th station of C series, whose position is still undetermined. The early completion of the fifth masking station to be installed in North Foreland area is most desirable. (V.A. Dover 1224A/10 to C.S.S.(H))

/Your 1224/10

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Technical.

R.D.F. Masking Station at North Foreland contd.

Your 1224/10. Approval of Trinity House Brethren to use North Foreland Light House has been received today Friday. Three transmitters have been completed and steps are being taken to install these in the lighthouse and the work should be completed by 25/10.
(C.S.S. H. 1757/10 to V.A. Dover.)

High frequency Ship to Shore communication.

Adty. Message GU. Revised organisation to come into force at 0001/20. Details. (D.S.D. 1645Z/10) See Lion Copy. Paraphrased version D.S.D. 1739A/10. See Summaries Folder.

Casualties and Defects.

S.S.WARKWORTH (Convoy O.N. 23)

WARKWORTH in O.N.23 requires assistance. Reported leaking after collision and life boats smashed. No position given. (More W/T 0123/10, 0214/10. Port Patrick Radio 0213/10, 0216/10, 0223/10, 0320/10. C. in C. W.A. 0422A/10.)
Position 58° 24' N. 22° 28' W. Water uncontrollable. About to abandon. (WARKWORTH 0541/10.)
Position 58° 24' N. 22° 28' W. Part of crew have taken to boats, rest will take rafts. (WARKWORTH 0614/10)
My 0422A/10. WARKWORTH has abandoned ship in 058° 24' N. 022° 28' W. (C. in C. W.A. 0735A/10 to MALCOLM.)
Ship still afloat but abandoned. MALCOLM, WATCHMAN, MONKSHOOD, and ZAAFAREN searching for survivors. ARABIS, DAHLIA, NORTHERN GEM remain with O.N.23. (MALCOLM 0800Z/10)
MALCOLM reports WARKWORTH considered salvageable in 058° 19' N. 022° 38' W. Weather moderate. WATCHMAN is remaining by wreck until morning 11th when she must return Iceland for fuel. Request tug (?be) sent. Master and 32 survivors recovered. Remaining 12 considered drowned. MALCOLM and ZAAFAREN proceeding Iceland. (C. in C. W.A. 1538A/10) Ends.
Have you sufficient fuel to salve ship in 058° 19' N. 022° 38' W. SALVONIA is on her way to Svendfoyn. (A.C.I.C. 1921/10 to RESTIVE.)
Detach NORTHERN GEM forthwith to relieve WATCHMAN. NORTHERN GEM to stand by WARKWORTH until arrival of tug. (C. in C. W.A. 2231A/10 to ARABIS.)
MALCOLM's 1538A/10. Presume you will send tug. (C. in C. W.A. 2239A/10 to A.C.I.C.)

/BRANDON

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Casualties and Defects - contd.

BRANDON. Has developed a leak in engine room. Have ordered her to return to Iceland with BUCTOUCHE as escort. (BROADWAY 0400Z/10)

CRAGPOOL. Sailed ZWARTE ZEE to assist CRAGPOOL broken down Loch Ewe area. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 0506A/10.) Departure ZWARTE ZEE. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea 0847A/10)

GREENFLY. Departure GREENFLY in tow of TANGO at 0710A for Grimsby. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0725A/10.)

ST.ALBANS. E.T.A. Reykjavik 1130 B.S.T today. Require assistance to strengthen broken rib in boiler room. (ST. ALBANS 0820A/10.)

CHURCHILL. Have put into Loch Ewe for repairs. E.T.A. 0700/11. (CHURCHILL 0857A/10)

EDINBURGH. C.S.18 0745/9 and 1129A/9 approved. Estimated time required 6 days. (A.C.N.S. H. 1047A/10)

DALESWOOD. In tow of Tugs SCOTSMAN and FAIRPLAY escorted by EROICAN arrived Tees Bay. Is being diverted to Middlesbrough. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1140/10)

FRASERBURGH. Grounded on Corran Ledge whilst entering Oban. (N.O.I.C. Oban 1425A/10)
FRASERBURGH refloated at 1810A/10/10. (N.O.I.C. Oban 1836A/10)

FINA. Proceed to assist FINA in tow of VELETA last reported at 1450 bearing 162° from Wick Radio probably drifting Northwesterly probably in Southern half Moray Firth. ABEILLE 4 also searching. (C. in C. Rosyth 1658/10 to LIDDESDALE.)
My 1658/10. A/C report position of FINA 057° 48' N. 002° 56' W. at 1715. (C. in C. Rosyth 1742/10 to LIDDESDALE.)

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Shipping and Convoys.

F.S.14. Will not arrive today. (N.C.S.O. Thames 1009A/10.)

F.N.29. My 1803/9. No ship or trawler sailed, owing to port being closed. (N.C.S.O. Humber 1127/10)

O.S. and S.L.convoys. Following escort ships are allocated for duty with O.S. and S.L. convoys: 4 Stage II A destroyers, 10 cutters, 16 sloops.
Existing 10 day cycle requires that these escorts should be organized into 6 groups, and it is considered unlikely that in the winter more than 4, and possibly only 3, escorts will be available for each convoy. My proposal that the convoy cycle should be extended to 12 days would allow available escorts to be organized into 5 groups. This would normally ensure 4, and occasionally 5 escorts with each convoy.
If my proposals are accepted I request O.S.10 should sail 25/10 and C. in C. S.A. be instructed to sail S.L.91 about 12 days after S.L.90. (C. in C. W.A. 1706A/10.)

F.S.17 STRATHSPEY. Trawler STRATHSPEY unable to maintain speed of convoy owing to weather. She has been ordered into Blyth. (VIMIERA 1742A/10.)

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North Atlantic.

NELSON. Your 2018A/8. Arrangements have been made for permanent repairs to NELSON to be carried out at Rosyth.
2. If work at Gibraltar is limited to that necessary to make vessel seaworthy at 16 knots can date of completion of repairs be advanced? (V.C.N.S., 0046A/10 to F.O.C.N.A.) Reply, 1540/11.

M.L.244 My 1120A/9 (N.T. in W.D.) M.L. 244 returned broken down. (F.O.C.N.A., 0530A/10 to Admty).

Independent ships. Policy re diversion in North and South Atlantic Commands. (D.T.D., 1150A/10 to C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. A.W.I.) See Lion Copy. C. in C. A.W.I. concurs. (0932Q/11)

EAGLE. Your 1032A (N.T. in W.R.) received. EAGLE, CROOME, WILD SWAN French Sloop COMMANDANT DUBOC, E.T.A. 0700A/11 Boom, 0815A.
COMMANDANT DUBOC requires 5 days in harbour to change piston rings. (EAGLE, 1230Z/10 to F.O.C.N.A.)

O.G.75 7 German S/Ms being homed on by F/W. (F.O.C.N.A., 1402A/10) See U-boat Campaign.

Tribal Destroyers, defects. In COSSACK, ZULU and SIKH cracks 2 to 3 inches long commencing upper deck level, where side commences to rise to forecastle, at 84 station, have been found in ships' side plating. Above ships are being strengthened at this point. Request MAORI may also be strengthened.
(Capt. D.4., 1501A/10 to Admty).

Destroyers docking. Your 1141N/9. Very unlikely opportunity will occur for docking destroyers owing to commitments for vessels based here.
(2) Intend sailing WILD SWAN for Freetown on 16/10
(F.O.C.N.A., 1844A/10 to C. in C. S.A.)

MARON. Departure MARON to patrol U.1 and V.1.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1900A/10 to Admty).
MARON sailed 1845 passing through 035° 50' N., 006° 30' W., and 035° 00' N., 010° 00' W.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2006A/10 to P.31).

/EAGLE.....

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EAGLE, ARGUS, fighter protection. — In view of late F/W activity intend unless immediate orders to contrary are received to embark 2 Hurricanes and pilots from 804A Sqdn. to provide Fighter protection for EAGLE and ARGUS on passage to U.K. probably sailing 15/10. Requested that aircraft and pilots may be returned to Gibraltar at first opportunity. (F.O.C.N.A., 1918A/10 to Admty).

TRUANT. — My 1140A/8 and 1108A/9 Departure TRUANT. Time of crossing 009° 00' E., is unchanged. (F.O.C.N.A., 1946A/10 to C. in C. Med).

South Atlantic.

S.L.89 — My 0645/10. Sunderland ordered to join you. (C. in C. S.A., 0911N/10 to Escorts S.L.89). My 0645/10 and my 0911/10. Another Sunderland will join you at about 0200/11 for about (?8) hours. (C. in C. S.A., 1237N/10 to Escorts S.L.89).

O.S.7. — One Hudson A/C diverted to escort you a.m. today. Following further air escorts arranged. One Hudson from about 0300/11 until dawn. One Sunderland during daylight/11. (C. in C. S.A., 1055N/10 to Escorts O.S.7). Convoy O.S.7. If Fuel permits WESTON, FOLKESTONE, and ships for Bathurst are to remain with convoy until a.m./12 then proceed Bathurst. AURICULA and VIOLET continue with convoy to Freetown. (C. in C. S.A., 1927N/10 to AURICULA, WESTON, VIOLET, FOLKESTONE).

BRILLIANT. — Proceeding to Bathurst for oil fuel. E.T.A. (?1230N/?11) sailing immediately on completion to rejoin Convoy O.S.7 at 1700N/12. Have 10 tons Army R.A. Stores to disembark. (BRILLIANT, 1636Z/10 to N.O.I.C. Bathurst).

/COMMANDANT.....

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South Atlantic. - Contd.

COMMANDANT DOMINE.	A.M.1828A/2. Admiral Commanding F.N.F.L. has requested that COMMANDANT DOMINE may call at following ports en route to Aden, Pointe Noire, Capetown, Durban, Mombasa. Request you will arrange. (D.O.D. (F) 1734A/10 to C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.I.)

Mediterranean.

CORDELIA (German).	Reported 8/10 as due shortly from Black Sea. Arrived Istanbul on 3/9 from Piraeus and proceeded into Black Sea. (D.S.766).
RORQUAL operation.	RORQUAL has completed her operation in position ordered and is now clear of your area. (Capt. S.1. 0003B/10 to THUNDERBOLT).
Haifa Raid.	Air raid on Haifa between 0415 and 0445/10. High level attack from one plane. Some H.E. and incendiaries dropped between Refinery and I.P.C. Tank Farm and about 6 H.E.s in sea same vicinity. Negligible damage. No casualties. Port open. (N.O.I.C. Haifa, 0925C/10 to C. in C. Med).
Benghazi bombed.	Night 8/9. 18 Wellingtons attacked fuel stores, workshops, hangars and barracks at Berka Aerodrome, Benghazi. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E.,1048/10).
U/B PROTEUS.	(?U-boat) sighted in 031° 35' 026° 41' is (?probably) damaged and may be steering northward. My 1941B/9 amend position (a) to read PROTEUS 033° 40' 026° 30' until daylight (?11th). (Capt. S.1., 1125B/10 to PROTEUS).

/Soviet.....

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Soviet Ships, Black Sea.	Proposals re passing out of Black Sea. (Head of M., approved 1st Lord, 1238A/10, to N.A. Angora, C. in C. Med., Adm. Miles and 1340A/10 to Adm. Miles) See Lion Copy.
Bosphorus Boom.	Turkish Bosphoros A/S Boom has been removed. Vagabond Mine net previously further to seaward has been moved to position of former. (A.N.A., Istanbul, 1243B/10 to Admty).
Enemy Convoy.	4 Merchant ships 5 destroyers 036° 12' 011° 54' Course 180° (?9) knots at 1245A/10. (Capt. S.10 1329A/10 to 10 S/M F.) My 1329A/10. 4 Destroyers, 5 merchant ships 036° 02' 011° 58' course 190° at 1357A. (Capt. S.10 1502A/10 to 10 S/M F.)
MAURO CROCE (Italian).	Arrival 10/10. Expected to load 175 tons turpentine 334 tons resin then proceed Barcelona thence proceed to Italy. There is considerable amount of turpentine and resin on the quay awaiting shipment presumably to Italy. (Valencia, 1707/10 to S.O.(I) Gib., 2300/10 to M.W.T.)
THORN.	Arrival 10/10. (V.A., Malta, 1709A/10 to Admty).
ST. BRIEC.	Departure 9th ST. BRIEC, French, Sete. (Barcelona, 1719/10 to M. of W.T.)
M/V sunk 7/10.	Photographs Tripoli show 1 M/V 5000 tons missing since 7/10 shadow under water in old position therefore possibly sunk in attack P.M.7/10. (H.Q. Malta, 1900/10).

/Caspian.....

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Caspian Charts.

N.A. Moscow has been asked to obtain Caspian charts from the Russian Hydrographic Office, but considerable delay is anticipated.
70 copies of charts Miscellaneous 451 - 455 and 70 copies of appropriate sailing directions should be with Fleet Hydrographic Officer at Alexandria. These Caspian charts are for official use only, and contain some secret information in the vicinity of Baku.
C. in C. Med., is requested to retain 10 copies of each chart and of sailing directions at Alexandria and to forward the remainder, half to C. in C. E.I., and half to S.N.O.P.G. as desired by those authorities.
(D.O.D. (F) 1904A/10 to C. in C. Med., C. in C. E.I., S.N.O.P.G.)

Boundary of Med., and E.I. Commands.

My 2240/4. Request early decision as I consider change over should now take place with as little delay as possible. Propose date that Red Sea should come into (?Mediterranean) command should be 21/10 provided C. in C. E.I. concurs. Actual date that S.N.O. Red Sea moves to Suez will be dependent on when accommodation is available.
(C. in C. Med., 1950/10 to Admty).
Your 2240B/4. Proposals approved. Request you will signal intended date of change taking place.
(V.C.N.S., 1956A/10 to C. in C. Med).
C. in C. E.I. 1036/6. Quite agree that R.N. Air Section should remain under control of C. in C. E.I. (C. in C. Med., 2000B/10).

Enemy Activity.

My 1909B/9. Main operation (probably?) commences 11th. (Capt. S.1. 2219B/10 to REGENT).

SOKOL

Your 2230/10 (N.T. in W.R.) acknowledged. Investigate vicinity air attack in 034° 58' 012° 22' and Lampedusa if possible during daylight for possibly damaged ship then return to Malta to arrive 0600A/12. RORQUAL due Malta 0630 same day from Northeast.
(Capt. S.10 2310A/10 to SOKOL).

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Japan.	Chiefs of Staff F.E. No. 26. Warning of acts which would automatically bring counter-measures into force. (1st. S.L., 0154A/10 to C. in C.E.I., 0154A/10, 0155A/10.) See Lion Copy.
Diego Garcia.	Summary of recommendations by Indian Army representatives following R/C of Diego Garcia. (C. in C.E.I., 0544Z/10 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
KOS Xl. KOS X.	KOS XI and KOS X sailed. E.T.A. Kilindini p.m. /16. S. of A., 7 knots. Routed as in my 1400/19/5. (N.O.I.C., Durban, 1621Z/10, to N.O.I.C. East Africa etc.)
THURSOBANK.	Your 1201A/9. (No trace W.R., but 2007A/7 refers.) THURSOBANK arrived 30/9 delayed. Sailed Bombay 8/10 as reported in (?my) Fairmiss signals 25 and 30 and my route signal 523. (N.C.S.O. Basra, 1935Z/10, to Admty.)

China.

Dutch ships in Convoys.	Your 1847/1/8 (N.T. in W.D.) Para. (3). Naval C. in C. N.E.I., highly appreciates offer for Dutch ships to use British convoys. Approximate number joining Singapore Melbourne monthly convoy estimated at 12 destination U.S.A., 6 destination Australia, in addition to tankers mentioned Para. (2) of Admiralty message. Convoy assembler port Tjilatjap. In addition inter-island traffic and shipping from N.E.I., to Singapore may join convoys but numbers uncertain. (C. in C. China, 0443Z/10 to Admty.)
?SCHARNHORST.	Soviet Authorities report that a large German ship (Name may be SCHARNHORST) has been loading rubber and egg powder at Kobe. Ship is fully armed and was due to sail on 5/10, for Lisbon and will act as a raider en route. (Miles, Moscow, 1520/10, to Admty.)

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Suspicious Cruiser.	Following received. S.S.MORMACH in position between Alcatraz and Sao Sebastiao approx., 024° 00' S., 045° 30' W., at 1030/5 passed a cruiser oiling from a tanker (Descriptions.) Third vessel 1 mile inshore from Cruiser making V/S signal by lamp to cruiser. Could cruiser have been BIRMINGHAM? (B.A.D., 1011R/10, to C. in C.S.A.) W.D. Note:- This was BIRMINGHAM, see 1617N/11.
Wreck.	Wreck reported visible in 010° (44'?) N., 060° 37' W. (N.C.S.O. Port of Spain, Trinidad, 1223Q/10, to C. in C.A.W.I.)
CHICOUTIMI.	Cancel order proceed to U.K. Proceed forthwith to Iceland (C) to refuel. If not in company with convoy acknowledge by signal giving E.T.A., Iceland (C). (C.C.N.F., 1325Z/10.) My 1314Z 27/9 and N.O.I/C Greenock's 2204A/9 (i) In view of delay to DAUPHIN intend to retain CHICOUTIMI in escort duty in Newfoundland Force for the present. (ii) CHICOUTIMI is reported to have lost contact with S.C.47. She is being ordered to proceed direct to Iceland. (iii) A.C.Iceland (C) is requested to sail her for O.N. convoy with remainder of her task unit 4.1.14. (iv) SHERBROOK detailed to continue U.K. with S.C.47 for T.O.B. (C.C.N.F., 1349Z/10 to C. in C.W.A.)
MILDRED PAULINE.	Your 1948Z/9. MILDRED PAULINE arrived Corner Brook 4/10. (N.C.S.O. St. Johns N.F. 1431Z/10 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

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AWATEA. Contd. — AWATEA carrying 2,000 troops is expected to be ready to leave Vancouver about 20/10 for Hong Kong. C. in C.A.W.I., is requested to provide A.M.C., escort for the whole of this passage informing Admiralty and authorities concerned of intended programme. B.A.D. Washington is requested to obtain permission for fuelling facilities for A.M.C., at Honolulu and Manila for outward and return passage.
(A.C.N.S.(F)1654A/10 to C. in C.A.W.I., etc.)

American Tugs. — Returned from special group Tug PETER C.GALLAGHER making water badly; arrived Sydney 2300Z/9, Tug AMERICAN due to heavy weather, returning to Halifax.
(N.C.S.O. Sydney C.B., 1442Z/10, to Admty.)

ELLEN and MARY. — My 1922Z/7. ELLEN and MARY now reported arrived Carbonear Nfld, 30th.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1446Z/10 to Admty.)

NORSEMAN. — Cable ship NORSEMAN (?sailing) A.M./11 to 017° 58° 00" N., 075° 42' 00" W.
(R.N.O., St. Lucia, 1501Q/10 to Admty.)

Canadian escorts. — N.O.I.C. Iceland's 1905/30 and C. in C.W.A., 1201A/1. This decision appears to be contrary to the spirit of WPL 51 and 52. Request confirmation that American Authorities concur.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1514Z/10, to Admty.)

A.M.C.'s. — Future Employment. (1st. S.L., 1603A/10 to C. in C.A.W.I., 1604A/10 to B.A.D.)
See Lion Copy.

Canadian Refits in U.S.A. — Your 1144R/9. Lease Lend agreement is not applicable to R.C.N. ships.
(C.N.S., Ottawa, 1617Z/10, to B.A.R.M.)

AASE MAERSK. — Your 1924 AASE MAERSK not arrived.
(N.C.S.O., Port of Spain, 1642Q/10 to Admty.)

Instructions to U.29. — Ref. B.A.D. Washington's 0819/4, following from Director Security Co-ordination New York (begins)- Report from reliable source states cable received by German Charge d'Affaires, Havana, from Prince Hohenlohe at San Domingo to effect that instructions issued to German U Boat U.29 to operate between San Domingo and Gulf of Mexico for 10 days beginning yesterday, 9/10.

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Instructions to U.29. Contd.	Course believed to be through Carribbean Sea. (Ends.) (S.O.I., Kingston, 1714R/10, to Admty.)
DIDO.	On completion of refit DIDO will work up on A. and W.I., Station and then proceed to Mediterranean via Cape. 2. She may be employed on passage to augment escort for troop convoys provided she is not unreasonably delayed. 3. Ammunition to complete to full outfit is now on passage to New York. 4. DIDO is to submit a programme through B.A.R.M., and C. in C. A. and W.I., to include three weeks working up practices at Bermuda. (D.O.D.(F) 1732A/10, to DIDO etc.)
SAKITO MARU. ARIMA MARU.	My 1526R/30/9. Callao Depart. 1130 G.M.T./9 SAKITO MARU towing ARIMA MARU for Yokohama direct. 500 tons diesel supplied at Zorritos but lubricating oil refused. (S.O.I., Jamaica, 1734R/10, to Admty., etc.)
Ships and Aircraft.	British requirements for 1942, etc.,(1st S.L., 1735A/10 to B.A.D.) See Lion Copy.
Singapore. Conference.	Personal for Adm., Little from 1st. Sea Lord. Please pass following to Adm. Stark. I am sure you will agree that the sooner we can hold the Naval Conference at Singapore to formulate our Far Eastern naval plans the better. We should, therefore, be grateful to have the early remarks or concurrence of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff both on the revised agreement (ADB-2) and on the proposed instructions for the Conference given to you by Adm.Little. (1st. S.L. 1954A/10 to B.A.D.)
EMPIRE ELAND.	Adty., 1901/9/9. EMPIRE ELAND has not arrived. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 2001Z/10.)
MENDANAU.	Your 2035/7. Dutch MENDANAU arrived Trinidad 7/10. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 2018Z/10, to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

LISSA RHINELAND (O.G.74).	Now presumed sunk in attacks on O.G.74 on 20/9 and 21/9. Both bound for Lisbon, where overdue since 30/9. (D.S. 766, 10/10).
SILVERBELLE (torpedoed 22/9).	Now presumed sunk. Ship towing her left presumably to refuel and aircraft have since failed to locate her. (D.S. 766, 10/10).
NAILSEA MANOR.	Following has been read. 6883 3400 (unread) torpedoed. (Freetown W/T 0401Z/10). Enemy sub. in 018° 25' N. 021° 20' W. No. 34 hit by torpedo. (LONDONDERRY, 0405Z/10 to Admty. etc.) Position 239° Cape Blanco 280'. (D.S. 766). My 0405Z. Submarine sighted forced to dive by gunfire 2 pattern big result doubtful. No. 34 sunk in 018° 25' N. 021° 20' W. Survivors in VIOLET, no casualties or missing. (LONDONDERRY, 0535Z/10 to Admty. etc.) 1 S/M bearing 350 distance 6 miles course 325° my position 18.22 N., 21.16 W. (LONDONDERRY 0920Z/10 to Whitehall W/T). My 0920 submarine has dived. (LONDONDERRY 1007Z/10).
CINGALESE PRINCE (torpedoed 20/9)	My 2035A/7. Para. 2. Survivors CINGALESE PRINCE confirm U-Boat casualty. MENDANAU now arrived. (D.D.I.C. 1205A/10 to C. in C. H.F. etc.)
PETREL. LAPWING. CORTES.	Eire Government have informed us that 19 survivors from 3 vessels had been landed at Toonpoint, Co. Galway as follows: 9 from PETREL, 9 from LAPWING, 1 from CORTES. Survivors include English, Welsh and Fijians. All at present in Clifden hospital. Said to be in good shape after 15 days in boats. (Archer, Dublin 1710/10 to Admty.)

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Submarines Reported.

Mediterranean. Capt. S.1, 11253/10. (See Mediterranean).

O.G. 75. 1308A. At 1308A/10, 7 German submarines being homed probably on O.G. 75 by Focke Wulfe, Average bearing from Gibraltar 297°. (F.O.C.N.A. 1402A/10 to Ships Escorting Convoy O.G. 75.)

Estimated U/B dispositions. (D.D.I.C. 1413A/10).

O.G. 75. D/F bearings of U-Boats in vicinity of O.G.75 indicate that majority of U-boats are to westward of convoy. (D.D.I.C. 1424A/10 to Escort O.G. 75).

Submarines Attacked.

By LONDONDERRY 18.25 N. 21.20 W. (LONDONDERRY, 05352/10)
See Ships Attacked.

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Home Commands.

Convoy P.Q. one arrived at Archangel in the early hours of today with SUFFOLK and destroyers.

M.L.288. M.L.288 on passage to Methil with convoy E.C.83 lost the convoy at 2315/10. At 1020A/11 LOWESTOFT reported that the deck was stove in, presumably by heavy weather, and the crew had abandoned ship, which was sunk by LOWESTOFT.

British Air Operations.

Attacks were made on Rotterdam, Ostend, Dunkirk, and Bordeaux last night.

Enemy Air Operations.

Several enemy aircraft carried out extensive R/C of the Faeroe Islands at various times today. At 1345 one A/C dropped bombs in Skaale Fiord and machine gunned tanker DAXHOUND causing one casualty but no damage. At the same time another A/C dropped bombs at Klaksvig, severely damaging Norwegian trawler SILVA and necessitating beaching her, and machine gunned Sumboe Lighthouse.

Great Yarmouth was bombed at 1940A and salvage tug NESSUS was slightly damaged by a U.X.B.

At 2349 today one enemy aircraft dropped a bomb in Portland harbour. Coal hulk HINDUSTAN was sunk.

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Mining.

Thames Estuary.

S.S. ICE MAID in F.S.15 was damaged by a mine this morning in the Thames Estuary. Enemy aircraft were engaged in minelaying in the Estuary during the first watch tonight.

Bristol Channel ports were re-opened at 0935A today.

North Atlantic.

The possibility of more frequent use of the Canary Islands for fuelling convoy escorts is to be investigated.

M.L. 244 has broken down at Gibraltar owing to a piston burnt through, and F.O.C.N.A. says there are no spares there.

Mediterranean.

Air attack on convoy continued.

6 Wellingtons last night continued the attack on the convoy which had been attacked by Swordfish at 2108/10. Four direct hits were obtained. The vessels were also machine gunned and one was set on fire.

A second wave of Naval aircraft attacked one 8,000 ton merchant vessel, one tanker and 4 destroyers of this convoy 82 miles N.N.W. of Tripoli. Two hits were obtained with torpedoes and one merchant ship was left stationary in a pool of oil.

H.Q., R.A.F., Malta conclude that, of this convoy 2 merchant vessels were sunk and one or two damaged.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

S/M Operations.

TORBAY today reported having completed her special operation yesterday. She is to continue to patrol in 34.06 N., 20.15 E., in an endeavour to intercept a southbound convoy of 2 ships expected there about 1600B/13.

Libya and Western Desert.

Tobruk was raided by 11 aircraft from 0330 to 0530 this morning with bombs and mines. No damage was caused. There are 2 mines outside the harbour, one of which may be in the swept channel.

Mersa Matruh was also attacked and some casualties were caused.

17 Wellingtons bombed Derna last night; a direct hit set the power station on fire. Targets in Bardia were also bombed.

The battle fleet under V.A.1 was at sea operating without incident near Mersa Matruh last night in expectation of enemy activity.

U-Boat Campaign.

An aircraft from Iceland attacked a U-boat at 1541 today in 62° 1' N., 21° 5' W., and estimates having sunk it.

There is some evidence that the Cape Verde Islands are being used by U-boats and supply ships. C. in C. S.A. intends to orgainse a search as soon as vessels are available.

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Policy.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN.

Admiralty's 2202A/9. ROYAL SOVEREIGN is to be attached to 2nd division of 2nd B.S. and administered by V.A.2. (C. in C. H.F. 0917/11).

L.27.

Your 1311A/4. As there will be a delay before HEDGEHOG trials with a submarine can be started request that L.27 should be sailed for St. Johns as early as practicable and that another submarine be detailed for HEDGEHOG trials. (D.A/S.W. 1150A/11 to F.O.S.)

JAY for East Indies.

When ready for sea request you will sail controlled Minelayer JAY with a pair of the M.S. Trawlers mentioned in my 1703/5.
2. JAY is allocated to E.I. station and C's in C. are requested to arrange for onward routeing and facilities to Ceylon. (D.T.M. 1249A/11).

FURNACE. SIMPLEX. DELUGE. signals.

The issue of the daily FURNACE SIMPLEX signals will be discontinued shortly until one month's notice of invasion is issued.
2. The DELUGE signal will continue to be made. Until 3rd Degree of Readiness is ordered, the DELUGE signal is not to affect notice for steam and leave. (A.C.N.S. H. 1924A/11).

AURORA. PENELOPE for Gibraltar.

AURORA and PENELOPE are required to proceed to Gibraltar. Request you will sail them forthwith at best speed.
2. In view of this reduction in your cruiser strength it is at your discretion to cancel the sailing of LONDON with INDOMITABLE. (1st S.L. 2351A/11 to C. in C. H.F.)

Co-operation with U.S.A.

S/M Recognition Signals.

1. Admiralty 563A/18/9 and 608A/29/9. After0001/G.M.T. 18th U.S. submarines in Atlantic and Pacific Fleets will employ British Day Smoke Grenade Signals from S.P. 02293K when submerged as well as when on the surface.
2. U.S. submarines will also use Yellow Smoke Candles as a stand-by recognition signal when submerged.
3. British submarines when submerged are at present unable to fire Day or Night Grenades and will therefore continue to use Yellow Smoke Candle when submerged. (D.S.D. 1724A/11). (A Message 674A).

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Co-operation with Russia.

Archangel. British M/S Officer. — 1237/11/10. Your 1813/27. Soviet Naval Authorities have informed me that they do not desire the services of a minesweeping expert at Vladivostock but consider he would be of use at Archangel. Vickers and Fisher will accordingly go there tomorrow. (Ad. Miles 2211C/11).

Movements.

SHROPSHIRE. — Scapa arrival. (A.C.O.S. 0021A/11).

NORMAN. — Your 2119C/10. E.T.A. 1200Z/12. Further orders will be signalled shortly. (D.C. 0053A/11 to Ad. Miles).

ICARUS. — My 1500A/8. Delayed 24 hours. (F.O. Humber 1110A/11).

Z.5. 0.9. — At 2100A/12 intend to sail Z.5 from Rothesay through Sounds of Mull and Islay and through Minches to arrive Blyth at 1200A/15. Capt. (S) 6 is requested to sail 0.9 escorted by Netherlands torpedo boat Z.5 to Rothesay. (Capt. S.7. 1124A/11).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. — Admiralty 2202A/9. Request you will arrange escort of two destroyers. (C. in C. H.F. 1133A/11 to R.A.D.)

VICTORIOUS. — VICTORIOUS screened by 2 destroyers is to proceed passing Hoxa Boom at 1600/12 to Greenock. VICTORIOUS is to be ready to sail for Scapa on 19/10. (C. in C. H.F. 1227A/11).

KENYA. SHEFFIELD. — Scapa arrival R.A. 10th C.S. in KENYA and SHEFFIELD. (A.C.O.S. 1244A/11).

SHROPSHIRE. VIVACIOUS. QUORN. — VIVACIOUS is to take QUORN under his orders and proceed from Methil at 1500 today, R/V with SHROPSHIRE before dark at 25 buoy at 1845 today and act as S.A. escort to Sheerness in accordance with C. in C. Nore 1120/9. (C. in C. Rosyth 1305/11).

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LONDON. Your 2332A/10. Concur.
2. My 0005A/3. A cruiser is to accompany INDOMITABLE to Bermuda. On arrival at that port she is to fuel and return to U.K.
3. C. in C. H.F. has allocated LONDON for this duty.
4. C. in C. H.F. is requested to arrange for LONDON to arrive at the Clyde on 14/10. (A.C.N.S. H. 1313A/11).

WISHART. Request you sail WISHART for Plymouth on completion of refit.
2. C. in C., Plymouth is requested to sail the ship direct to Gibraltar at best speed after a short working up period.
3. It is intended to complete working up at Gibraltar. (D.O.D. H. 1637A/11).

ACTIVE. Left Akureyri 1230Z/10. (N.O.I.C. Iceland 1645/11).

DIANELLA. DIANELLA is to leave convoy off Butt of Lewis and proceed to Sheerness, fuelling at Scapa if necessary. (C. in C. W.A. 1744A/11 to KEPPEL).

L.27. Admiralty 1150A/11. S.7 is to sail L.27 from Rothesay on 14/10 for St. Johns Newfoundland proceeding submerged by day from position of detaching from escort until crossing longitude 25° W. (F.O.S. 2127A/11).

Operations.

Channel Patrol. 4 A/S Trawlers patrolling Q.Z.S. 271 to Beachy Head returning to St. Helens at dawn. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1537A/11).

Dover Patrol. Weather permitting two M.L's leave Dover 1945 to exercise in vicinity of Varne returning 2200. Route via A. Buoy each way. (V.A. Dover 1656A/11).

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British Air Activity.

Operation "Roam".

1. Carry out operation "Roam" tonight with 3 A/C off 22 Sqdn. and 2 A/C of 59 Sqdn.
2. Patrols to be flown at different times and areas. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1127/11 to Thorney Island).

Operation "Rover".

Carry out operation "Rover" tonight with 3 A/C 407 Squadron between Texel and Borkum.
2. Patrols to be flown at different times.
(Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1135/11 to North Coates.)

Patrols.

P.R.U's Bergen, Aalesund, Trondheim, and Stavanger, Kristiansand, Oslo in operation. "Hornli" being flown later. (C. in C. Rosyth 1137/11).
My 1137/11. "Hornli" nothing to report.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1945/11).

Strike.

Strike to be carried out against shipping during moonlight tonight. Alternative target No. 85807.
2. All available A/C to be employed.
3. Time at Station Commanders discretion.
(Pitreavie 1550/11 to Leuchars).

Treboul.

(C) (1) Three aircraft of 217 Squdn, two armed with 1 X 1000 LB GP and 2 X 250 LB GP bombs each and one armed with Magnum, are to attack target at Treboul on night of 11 - 12/10 Time of Attack and bomb fusing at station Commanders -discretion. above
(2) Alternative to/orders - aircraft to carry out gardening tonight as follows.
(Plymouth A.C.H.Q. 1618/11 to St. Eval).

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.S. 15. A/C shot down.

Enemy A/C attacked rear of F.S. 15 at 1935/10 vicinity 58.A. Buoy.
SHEARWATER reports one A/C shot down in flames and crashed near convoy, one man baling out. As far as is known no survivors rescued from A/C and no damage or casualties to ships. (C. in C. Nore 0005A/11).
WESTMINSTER's 1932/10. This A/C now believed to have been shot down by SHEARWATER. (C. in C. Nore 1757A/11 and 1835A/11).

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Faroes bombed SILVA sunk. DAXHOUND attacked.	Several enemy aircraft carried out extensive R/C of Faroe Islands at various times between 0842 and 1630 to-day. At 1345 one A/C dropped bombs in Skaale Fiord and machine gunned tanker DAXHOUND causing one serious casualty but no damage. At the same time another A/C dropped bombs at Klaksvig sinking Norwegian Trawler SILVA and machine gunned houses. No casualties. (N.O.I.C Faroes 1644A/11).
Scapa.	At 1414 an unidentified A/C was plotted by Military G.L. at 24000 feet over Flow. A/C was unseen. (A.C.O.S. 1855/11.)

Mining.

Humber.	The following eleven mines exploded on 10/10. Details. (F.O.Humber 0015A/11 and 1025A/11.)
Bristol Channel.	Cardiff, Penarth, and Q.Z.S. 201 now open. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 0953A/11.) Two red mines detonated by L.L. at 1820 and 1822/10. Details. (Capt. M/S Bristol Channel 1321A/11.) My 2255/10. Traffic in and out of Bridgwater Bay may be resumed from 1100/12. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1811A/11).
Convoy F.S.15. ICEMAID. (British 1964 Tons) damaged.	Departure tugs STALWART and KENIA to assist ICELAND (? ICEMAID) (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1126A/11). ICEMAID of F.S.15 damaged by mine about 1000 today now anchored near 54 buoy. No casualties. SHEARWATER and SAPPHIRE in company. Tugs proceeding from Harwich. (C. in C. Nore 1505A/11)
WELSHMAN. MANXMAN.	A.M. 1320/8. Intend to sail WELSHMAN and MANXMAN for Milford Haven at 1130A/12th routed as follows. E.T.A., at point of arrival 1100A/13. (R.A.M. 1158/11).

/KYMA.....

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KYMA. (Mined 10/10)

KYMA sunk in about S. 60° E Humber 1/F 1.25 miles. Masts above water. (F.O. Humber 1232A/11) KYMA. 27 crew landed, 2 on board QUANTOCK. No casualties. (Base, Grimsby 1441/11).

9th M/S Flotilla.

Your 0730A/11. Arrived. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1302A/11 to F.O.I. C. Portland).

Mines off French Coast.

Admiralty 1934A/26/8/41 para 3. 3 Mines detonated at 0850/1, 1000/1, and 1015/1 as follows, and Minesweepers 5 miles off seen to explode about 12 more. Details. (WESTMINSTER 1730/11).

Enemy Intelligence.

2 M/V's off Sogne Sound on 10/10.

Norwegian M.F.V. FIKS has arrived from Solund (61° 4.5' N. 4° 50.2' E.) in Sulen on North Side of Sognesoen with 17 men. They report that when 32 miles west of Utvaer Light at 0500/10 two large vessels thought to be M/V's passed six miles off between them and the light Northbound burning navigation lights, Graded D.3. (S.O.I. Lerwick 1712/11).

Navigational.

Formby Light Beacon.

A black beacon buoy marked "Formby" showing a dimmed group flashing red light has been placed in position formerly occupied by FORMBY light vessel. Description. Cancel my 1853A/7/9. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1609A/11).

Casualties and Defects.

WARKWORTH. (Collision 10/10)

My 1538A/10. Correct longitude to read 023° 09' W. Passed your 11/10 daylight position to NORTHERN GEM and to A.C.I.C. for tug RESTIVE. (MALCOLM 0132A/11 to WATCHMAN);
Position of wreck at 1000A/11 058° 5' N. 23° 45 ' W. drifting 260° 1½ knots, passed to NORTHERN GEM. Have been unable to board. Consider wreck salvageable. Left for Iceland 1015, speed 18 knots. (WATCHMAN 1050/11).

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Casualties and Defects.-Contd.

M.L. 288, sunk.

R.A.F. (?) M.L. No. 288 hove to. Am escorting her towards Hartlepool. (LOWESTOFT 0725A/11).
Motor Launch 288 deck stove in, have abandoned ship, crew all safe, am endeavouring to sink, request instructions. (LOWESTOFT 1020A/11).
M.L. left 340°.? one mile from 190 buoy, burning fiercely. Ammunition exploding and in sinking condition. (LOWESTOFT 1101/11).
Your 1020/11. When you have sunk M/L, proceed to Methil with crew. (C. in C. Rosyth 1120/11 to LOWESTOFT).
P.W.S.S. Hartlepool reports M/L appears to have sunk 1312/11. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1320/11 to F.O.I.C. Tyne).
M.L. 288 on passage to Methil with E.C. 83 lost convoy at 2315/10. Deck stove in presumably by weather and ship abandoned 1020/11. Crew all safe aboard LOWESTOFT. M.L. believed sunk by gun fire from LOWESTOFT. Position 090° 4 miles Hartlepool. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1507/11).

NORTHERN WAVE. SARDONYX.

Now capable of 8 knots. Have left her to proceed to Reykjavik calling me if any further trouble. SARDONYX lower and top masts carried away. E.T.A. Hvalfjord 1930A/11.
(SARDONYX 0930A/11).

GREENFLY.

Departure Tug KROOMAN to assist A/T's GREENFLY and TANGO.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1056A/11).
My 1056A/11. KROOMAN returned to harbour 1254A owing to weather. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1401A/11)

ST. ALBANS.

Has 4 main frames fractured in fore head of boiler room. Ship can be rendered serviceable by temporary repairs. Completion date A.M. 15/10. (HECLA 1112/11).

FINA.

Condition. Details. Estimated time for repairs eight days. Intend carrying out necessary repairs at Invergordon and sailing ABEILLE IV to Peterhead. (N.O.I.C. Invergordon 1221/11).

/PONTFIELD.....

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Casualties and Defects-Contd.

PONTFIELD. — My 0840. PONTFIELD crew taken off by Sunderland lifeboat. PONTFIELD now has anchor down and EMPIRE HENCHMAN has her in tow. ATTENTIF leaves Tyne daylight to assist tow. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1745/11).

LEYLAND. (A/S Trawler). — Arrived LEYLAND on passage Tobermory delayed with engine defects. (N.O.I.C. Oban 1746A/11).

MINNA. — (Motor Boat) Reported entirely out of action due to engine defects which cannot be made good. Propose to dispose of this craft without relief. (R.A. Scapa 1830/11).

M.G.B. 322. — My 1255/11. M.G.B. 322 has developed defects. (F.O.I.C. Portland 2301/11).

CAPE COMORIN, (British, 504 Tons). — In collision at 1645/11 off Plymouth with Norwegian SIAK. Badly holed and later beached. (D.O.R. 12/10).

Shipping and Convoys.

P.Q.1. — Arrived Archangel, SUFFOLK, IMPULSIVE, ESCAPADE, LEDA, BRITOMART, GOSSAMER, HUSSAR with convoy P.Q. one. HARRIER in company. (SUFFOLK 0244Z/11).

Sailing of Canddian Escorts. — Cancel my 1201A one. S.O.B.A. should issue necessary instructions to sail Canadian escort (S). (C. in C. W.A. 1213A/11 to A.C.I.C.)

C.T.4. — Admty. 2213A/8. Propose sailing be postponed till 17/10 in order that four destroyers may be available as escort. (C. in C. W.A. 1318A/11)
A.M. 2213A/8. Destroyer escort for C.T.4 cannot be made available until 17/10 and convoy will sail on that date from Clyde. (A.C.N.S. H. 1820A/11).
Your 1318A/11. Approved. (A.C.N.S. H. 1815A/11 to C. in C. W.A.)

/F.Q.2.....

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Shipping and Convoys-Contd.

P.Q.2. Cancel my 1558A/8 and 1551A/9; Intend sailing Liverpool section P.Q.2 comprising HARTLEBURY escorted by SEAGULL and SPEEDY with ammunition carrier, KHETI in company at 1700A/13, speed 9½ knots.
2. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail Clyde section to R/V 0900A/14 in 270° Mull of Kintyre 5 miles.
3. E.T.A. 2000A/15. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1414A/11)

H.X. 152. Your 1000A/11.
(1) No.
(2) Not known.
SABRE round up as many ships as possible by dark tonight and proceed to North Minch with them. (C. in C, W.A. 1418A/11 to KEPPEL).

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North Atlantic.

Axis Shipping Bordeaux.

Information received (B.2) that :-
NATAL (German) arrived 18/8, having left Santos, Brazil, 27/6.
AFRICANA (Italian) arrived 30/8, having left Pernambuco 30/7.
HIMALAYA (Italian) arrived 30/8, having left Rio de Janeiro 30/7.
(D.S. 767, 11/10)

Use of Canary Islands.

Your 1322/29. More frequent use of Canaries for fuelling convoy escorts would be of great assistance to us. Request further report concerning Spanish reaction to enquiry for facilities for VERVAIN and LADY SHIRLEY. Shortage of bunker stocks in Canaries is appreciated and question of making necessary stocks available is under consideration.
(Hd. of M., 1032A/11 to N.A. Madrid.)
Reply 1742/13.

SEVERN.

Your 1537N/9. SEVERN should arrive Freetown about 22/10. My 0008A/4 refers.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0910A/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

SAN ZEFERINO.

Following from M.W.T.R. Ref. My 1122A/9. SAN ZEFERINO carried out successful trials yesterday. Speed attained 6 knots. (A.S. Gibraltar, 1303A/11 to Admty.)

NELSON.

Your 0046A/10 para 2. Only minimum work to make vessel seaworthy is being undertaken. Every effort being made to complete as early as practicable but so far as can be foreseen now no likelihood of completion date being advanced, possible (it) may have to be deferred.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1540A/11 to Admty.)

FRONSAC

Arrival 10th. (Barcelona 1654/11.)

WILD SWAN.

My 1844A/10. WILD SWAN is now 6 months out of dock. Do you wish me to keep her until I can dock her, probable date 18/10?
(F.O.C.N.A. 1744A/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

/M.L. defect ...

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North Atlantic - contd.

M.L.defect. M.L. No 244 of 26th M.L. Flotilla has returned to Gibraltar in tow owing to engine breakdown which includes one piston burnt through of which there are no spares at Gibraltar. Ref. R.A.C.F. C845/3/9 when may these spares be expected? (F.O.C.N.A. 1756A/11 to Admty.)

French Shipping. Gibraltar 1000/11. French Destroyer L'ALCYON, French ships ST.MARTINE-LEGASSE, ST.CYRILLE, LIEUTENANT-DE-LA-TOUR all full, latter two lorries, trailers, tractors on deck, PORTHOS laden, Westbound. 1050 French armed Trawler B.119, Trawler AUGUSTE-DENISE. Tugs L'OBSTINE, LION, towing dredger and barge, Eastbound. (S.O.I. Gib., 1825A/11 to Admty. etc.)

PORPOISE. My 1408A/9 departure PORPOISE. (F.O.C.N.A. 2022A/11 to C. in C. Med.)

South Atlantic.

Sunderland force-landed. M.L.274. Following received Admiral Plymouth. From Lands End Radio. Intercept 0508 G.M.T. 500 kc/s D.E. unknown station. Sunderland has forced landed. Position 14° 25' N. 17° 00' W., pending decision of C. in C. S.A. as to entering French Territorial waters, M.L.274 is to proceed towards position indicated. (C. in C. Plymouth 0630/11 to Admty.)

DRAGON. Your 2321/11/9 not to Admiralty. DRAGON will be ready to sail from Simonstown 16/10. Request instructions. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown 0838Z/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

Force F. Ships addressed will no longer be addressed as Force F. (C. in C. S.A. 1142N/11 to DORSETSHIRE, ALBATROSS, WOODRUFF, MIGNONETTE.)

/Cape Verde ...

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Cape Verde Islands. Use of U-boats.	There is some evidence that Cape Verde Islands are being used as hide-out by U-Boats and supply ships. Intend as soon as resources are available to organize intensive search with cruiser and four destroyers or corvettes supported by one or more flying boats. Operations will take up four days. Could F.O.C.N.A. lend two Catalinas for this operation as these aircraft are preferable to Sunderlands in view of fact that centre of Cape Verde Is. is 500 miles from Bathurst? Desired to carry out operation sailing from Freetown 15/10 and Bathurst 17/10 by which dates it is desired Catalinas should be available at Bathurst. (C. in C. S.A. 1301N/11 to Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
GURKHA, ISAAC SWEERS.	My 1301/11. In order to make sufficient forces available on convoy route October could I keep GURKHA and ISAAC SWEERS for onward escort of W.S.12, subsequently using them as part escort of S.L.91? (C. in C. S.A., 1305N/11 to Admty.)
Merchant Ship Sailings.	Leakage of information. Reply to Adty.1900/29. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown 1412B/11) See Lion Copy.
WANDERER (O.S.7.)	WANDERER was reported a straggler on 25/9 and was given a special route to avoid danger, rejoining Standard Route at N. Assuming S. of A. of 8 knots ship should have arrived at N. at 1300Z/4 and at 6 knots at 2300/6. Ship may have been successful in rejoining Convoy. (D.T.D. 1549A/11 to C. in C. S.A.)
Cruiser seen by S.S. MERMACH.	B.A.D. Washington's 1011/10. This was BIRMINGHAM (?oiler ARNDALE) and corvette. (R.A.S.A.D. 1617N/11 to B.A.D.)
DERBYSHIRE.	Your 2222A/10. Reference should read 1821N/5. (C. in C. S.A. 1912N/11 to Adty.)
DRAGON.	Your 0838Z/11 sail DRAGON for Durban when ready. C. in C. E.I. is requested to give further instructions. (C. in C. S.A. 2029N/11 to N.O.i/c Simonstown.)

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Task Force 3. Future movements. Groups 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7; JOUETT, CINCINNATI. (D.O.D.(F) 2115A/11 to C. in C. S.A., R.A.S.A.D.)

Mediterranean.

NORFOLD. Norwegian tanker, now known to have been damaged during air raid on Suez Canal on night of 5-6/10. (D.S. 767.)

Russian Ships. Your 1505/5. (repetition of 1919/4) Icebreaker AROV speed 11 knots, A in CB 18 15. Is it new name for S. MAKAROV which due to age has been reduced in speed? Your 1627/24/8 is cruiser MOLOTOV new construction or renamed? (S.O.I. Med., 1046B/11 to Admty.)

Benghazi, Derna bombed. Night 9/10. 5 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour and Berka and Benina Aerodromes. Large fires started on Juliana Point, Benghazi, near coal store.
1 Wellington bombed Derna starting small fire.

Haifa Raid. Palestine. Night 9/10. 2 enemy aircraft attacked Haifa, few bombs only falling on land. No damage or casualties. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1128/11.)

Tobruk Raid. C.A.F.O. 587/40 para 4.
(A) 0330 to 0530/11 clouds slight.
(B) 11 aircraft. Moon third quarter.
(C) Combined bombing and minelaying.
(D) Two mines, no parachute, outside harbour, one of which may be in swept channel.
(B.S.N.O. Tobruk, 1317B/11 to Admty.)

/Attack ...

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Attack on convoy.

My 1422A/11 part 2 final.
3. In spite of lack of information from Wellingtons it was decided to send 830 Squadron. 7 aircraft consisting of one A.S.V Searcher, and (?5) torpedo carriers took off at 0115B/5. One torpedo carrier returned engine trouble.
4. Leader sighted convoy at 0400 and attack started 5 minutes later.
5. Combined intelligence report dated 5/10. Claim does not correspond with that made by 830 Squadron pilots (?which is) for one sunk, one damaged and one possibly damaged.
6. R/C on morning of 5th showed 5 of original 6 merchant ships approaching Tripoli at slow speed. (V.A. Malta 1422A/11)
Note: Part one not received. See 1837/12 from Malta to Air Ministry.

PROTEUS, TALISMAN.

Unit(s) of the Fleet will be leaving Alexandria a.m./12. Proceed on the surface unless an emergency arises. Your estimated positions at 0800B/12 are: PROTEUS 297° Ras-el-Tin 42, TALISMAN in sanctuary.
(Capt. S.1. 1701B/11 to PROTEUS, TALISMAN)

ROSALIE MOLLER. (sunk 8/10)

S.B.N.O. Suez Canal's 1959B/8. Master ROSALIE MOLLER reports 2 engine aircraft made low level shallow dive attack releasing 2 bombs, one of which struck ship by No.3 hold blowing out side of ship which sank in about one hour.(Casualties) C.B's lost with ship in approx. 25 fathoms.
(N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik, 1750B/11 to Admty.)

Operation "Halberd" Enemy report.

Your 1909/10th not to V.A. Malta. Signal was timed 1515/27/9 and was not received by Malta or H.M. Ships. V.A. Malta reports that this signal reported enemy alteration of course to North. Admiralty pass to V.A. Malta.
(S.O. Force H. 1821A/11 to Adty.)

TORBAY, THORN.

Special mission remains (?principal) object but if you can reach 034° 06' 020° 15' by 1200B/13 proceed to patrol in that position till p.m./13 to intercept escorted 9 knots southbound convoy 2 ships expected about 1600B on that day. THORN may be patrolling 010° 30 miles from you.
(Capt. S.1. 1831B/11 to TORBAY.)

/M/V on fire ...

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M/V on fire, 2 claimed sunk.

Day 11/10. R/C over area last night's attack sighted 0645 hours 340° Tripoli 66 miles 1 M/V 8000 tons on fire, 1 Destroyer stationary, and 1 Destroyer steaming south. P.M.R/C for ship on fire. Ship not sighted. Huge area of oil in ship's position. Conclusion 2 M/Vs sunk, 1 or 2 remaining M/Vs damaged.
(H.Q., Malta 1900/11.)

? Tripoli

W.X.2917 I.176 11/10. 6 Wellingtons continued attack from 2205 to 2353 hours. Dive low level and machine gun attacks, four direct hits. 1 ship seen on fire.
2. Second Wave 7 Swordfish sighted 1 destroyer 158° Lampion 36 miles course 070° at (030) hours. Bombed, no hits. 1 Tanker 1 M/V 8000 tons, 4

Convoy attacked.

destroyers of above convoy sighted 342° Tripoli 82 miles and attacked with torpedoes 0340 hrs. 2 hits 1 M/V left stationary in pool of oil. Other results not observed.
3. P.M.11/10. 6 Blenheims on shipping sweep located 1305 hours 1 M/V 3000 - 5000 tons 1 cargo boat 1000 - 1500 tons, one corvette, escorted by twin engined monoplane, position 58 miles W.N.W Sirte course E. 3 Blenheims attacked. 3000 lbs bombs dropped. 2 direct hits on M/V resulting flames and clouds of smoke. Probably sunk. Cargo boat hit and left burning.
(H.Q. Malta, 1910/11.)

TORBAY operation.

Operation completed 10th. Your 1445/8 and your 1355/9. Have patrolled in vicinity 034° 12' 020° 16', propose to remain if enemy delays. If not approved expect to arrive 15th.
(TORBAY 1903B/11 to Capt. S.1.)
Your 1903B/11th acknowledged. Well done. Continue patrol in position ordered in my 1831B/11 until further orders. Enemy cruiser possibly moving at high speed may also be encountered.
(Capt. S.1. 2151B/11 to TORBAY.)

Convoy attacked 2 M/Vs damaged.

Night 10/11. 6 Swordfish with torpedoes 1 with bombs attacked convoy see part 2 2108 hours. 2 M/Vs approx. 6000 tons seriously damaged and stopped with destroyers circling.
(H.Q. Malta, 1905/11)

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East Indies.

"R" Report FISHPOOL (false).

R R R R. Following has been received:- Stopped by suspicious vessel 17.30 S., 40.15 E. (Freetown W/T, T.O.R.,0210Z/11 to Admty). An R distress signal was made by an unknown ship at 0210 G.M.T./11. Position 17° 30' S., 40° 15' E. (2) Ship reported being stopped by suspicious vessel. (3) Ship probably sighted REPULSE. (C. in C. E.I.,0440Z/11 to Admty etc). My 0440/11 para. 3 has been confirmed. Ship was FISHPOOL. (C. in C. E.I., 1352Z/11 to Admty etc).

Reports of merchant ship movements.

My 1710/16/6. U.S.N.O. Colombo has made following message to Opnav begins C. in C. E.I. has again brought up subject of system of reports on movements of merchant vessels by American consuls in this area which still appears unsatisfactory. As stated in my 1050/17/6 information gleaned is incomplete as it comes from few ports. Although State Department instructions recently modified to use most confidential code available, British authorities entertain doubts as to security, in any case system is unnecessary duplication of well established British system of shipping reports in this area. With Chatfold system now operating suggest extending it to cover foreign ships other than British and discontinuing our consular reports. If U.S. becomes co-beligerent, further suggest British "Vesca" reports go to Washington as well as London and Chatfold be terminated. Messages on this subject are also being sent to Admiralty and C. in C. E.I. and to State Department by American consul at Colombo ends I (?agree). Request information how matter now stands. (C. in C. E.I., 0506Z/11 to Admty).

AUSTRALIA Escort of monsters.

(i) I should like to arrange for AUSTRALIA to carry out a cruise to Kerguelen similar to my 1442/15/8 not to Admty., which was cancelled by operation "Kedgeree".
(ii) She would return to Durban about 14/11 and is only ship suitable for escort of semi monsters.
(iii) Request your early forecast of movements for ILE DE FRANCE, NIEUW AMSTERDAM, MAURETANIA.
(iv) My 0756/10 to P.S.T.O. Egypt refers.
(C. in C. E.I., 0758Z/11 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown).
Reply 1626/15.

/S.S.STAMATIOS....

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S.S.STAMATIOS G. EMBIRICOS.	S.O.(I) Colombo's 0448 (1) Greek STAMATIOS G. EMBIRICOS left Kilindini 16/9 for Colombo and has disappeared. (ii) Ship pitched in ballast had 840 tons coal, One W/T operator Nationality Yugoslavia. Master signed receipt for routeing instructions. (iii) She has been called by Colombo, Bombay W/T Station on 500 kc/s no reply. (iv) There is no corroborative evidence of Raider activity. (C. in C. E.I., 1430Z/11 to Admty).

China.

GOUVENEUR GENERAL PASQUIER, (French).	Arrival 10/10. (Saigon 0399Z/11 to M. of W.T.)
CAP DES PALMES.	Your 1425A/3. Re electric installation. (A.S. Singapore, 0520Z/11 to Admty).

America & West Indies.

Independent ships.	Your 1150Q/10. (arrangements for diversion of independently routed ships in N. and S. Atlantic Commands). Concur. (C. in C. A.W.I., 0932Q/11 to Admty).

/AWATEA.....

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AWATEA, PRINCE ROBERT. — Admty. 1654A/10 and your 1434Z/10. Request you sail PRINCE ROBERT as escort accordingly by Great Circle to Honolulu. Navy Board, Wellington, is requested communicate onward route. (C. in C. A.W.I., 0942Q/11 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

A.M.Cs. — Your 1603A/10. I am now asking B.A.D. to obtain concurrence of U.S. Authorities to employment of two A.M.Cs. at a time on mid-Atlantic patrol on the assumption that they will not be required to co-operate with U.S. Forces unless or until A.B.J.1 goes into operation. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1002Q/11 to Admty).

H.X.153. — My 0810Z/8. 2 corvettes only will sweep ahead of convoy, ARABIS (Senior Officer) and DAHLIA. (D.T.D., 1115Z/11 to Opnav).

Ex-U.S. Submarines. — My 1203A/19/9. Cancel para. 1. It has now been decided that both ex-American submarines shall proceed direct to U.K. when ready. Arrangements for spare gear will be signalled later. L.27 will proceed to St. Johns N.F. for A/S training duties arriving about 28/10. (D.A/S.W., 1151A/11 to B.A.R.M.)

Singapore Conference. — Personal for 1st S.L. from Adl. Little. "Gleam" number 150 had been drafted before receipt of your 1954A/10. In view of sitn. described in 1st 4 paras. of that "Gleam" I am not delivering your mge. to Adl. Stark until I hear further from you. (B.A.D. Washington, 1351R/11).

ASTURIAS. — My 1742Q/9. Intended to sail ASTURIAS on 15/10. Request destination. Ship has 23 R.A.N. ratings for BULOLO and 3 Sub. Lts.(E) R.C.N.V.R. for Freetown. (C. in C. A.W.I., 1502Q/11 to C. in C. S.A.)

/PASTEUR.....

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PASTEUR Convoy C.T.4.	Your 2213/8. M. of W.T. representative has recommended to London PASTEUR proceed direct to Quebec to discharge cargo, personnel and for dry docking; he is again urgently requesting decision. Request confirmation first port of call Canada. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1554Z/11 to Admty).
OTINA.	Have you any news of OTINA due New York 4/10 from Loch Ewe? (D.T.D., 1601A/11 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa
NOREG, MAGDALA.	My 1826Z/10 degaussing defective. (C.O.A.C., Halifax, 1602Z/11 to Admty).
H.X.154 and H.X.153.	Request names of U.S. escorts may be signalled. (D.T.D., 1655Z/11 to Opnav). Your 1655/11 Task Force designation H.X.153 is 4.1 H.X.154 is 4 1.2. (Opnav, 1923/11 to Admty).
T.C.15 cancelled.	Sailing of T.C.15 as originally constituted is cancelled. 2. Probable that a re-constituted convoy will sail from Canada early in November. (A.C.N.S. (H) 1707A/11 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, etc).
Suspicious Vessel.	H.M. Charge D'Affaires Managua, passes following report from Vice Consul Bluefields begins. 10/10 very reliable person reported sighting strange vessel at 0430 10 miles S.E. Monkey Jacket Point unable to identify as S/M but no local vessel could be in vicinity Ends. Have requested further investigation and details. (S.O.(I) Kingston, Jamaica, 2048A/11).
H.X.155	Concur your 1243Z/11. (Opnav, 2107/11 to Admty).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Ships Attacked

SVEND FOYN (Torpedoed 7/10) — Your 2239A/10. SALVONIA escorted by THIRLMERE will be sailed about 0800Z/11 after she has got SVEND FOYN into Reykjavik.
(A.C.I.C. 00152/11 to C. in C. W.A.)
SVEND FOYN arrived in tow of SALVONIA, WINDERMERE and RESTIVE in company.
(A.C.I.C., 1131/11)
Necessary to discharge majority of oil cargo of SVEND FOYN to enable salvage repairs to be made. Intend to retain BRITISH PRUDENCE to take this oil to U.K.
(A.C.I.C. 1541/11 to Admty.)

NAILSEA MANOR (Torpedoed 10/10) — Has sunk. Crew saved. (D.S., 767, 11/10.)

SILVERBELLE (Torpedoed 22/9.) — C. in C. S.A's 1622/6. Following searches for SILVERBELLE carried out without result.
(1) LADY SHIRLEY for four days in area 20.36 W. to Grand Canary.
(2) Tug from Las Palmas in area to Westward between 30/9 and about 7/10.
(3) My 1102/7 not carried out owing to temporary damage to long range Catalina and return of LADY SHIRLEY.
(4) EAGLE did not search.
(5) Consider ship probably has sunk.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1848A/11 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported

0953A — At 0953A/11. German Submarine bearing 290° from Gibraltar Class 1.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1039A/11 to N.A. Station.)

0852 G.M.T. O.G. 75. — D/F bearings at 0852 G.M.T. indicate U-Boat in vicinity of Convoy.
(D.D.I.C. 1056A/11 to Escorts O.G. 75, F.O.C.N.A.)
You were probably reported by 3 long range F.W. aircraft about 1157.
(D.D.I.C., 1301A/11 to Escorts O.G. 75.)
At 1615/11 F.W. was homing U-Boats on to O.G.75
(F.O.C.N.A., 1834A/11 to Escorts O.G. 75.)
D/F at 1656Z/11 and at 1729Z/11 indicates at least two U-Boats in vicinity of convoy O.G. 75
(D.D.I.C. 1928A/11 to Escorts)

/Estimated.....

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

Estimated U-Boat dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1503A/11)

Submarines Attacked

By A/C.

Am over enemy S/M in 62.09 N., 21.00 W.,
(A/C H. 1541/11 to A/C 203 Sqdn.)

Submarine attacked on surface course 245° 5 knots
E.T.A. 1715.
(A/C duty H., 1542/11 to 15 Group.)

S/M attacked by aircraft in 062° 09' N., 021° W.
at 1541Z/11.
(A.C.I.C., 1711/11 to Admty. C. in C. H.F.)
(C. in C. W.A., 1755A/11 to HIGHLANDER, BROADWATER
etc.)
Estimate I shall be in 061° 43' N., 022° 50' W.
at 2200A/11. Intend searching 065° for 3 hours.
(WATCHMAN, 1900A/11 to A.C.I.C.)

Attacked 1541/11 in 62° 01' N., 21° 05' W.
Conning tower above water decks awash. 3 450 lb.
D.C.'s. with new fuses set at 50 ft. Estimated
sunk; first D.C. exploded three yards from
starboard stern second three yards to starboard
amidships by conning, third about three yards to
starboard by bows. Three patches of pale green
bubbles seen after attack.
(H.R., R.A.F., Iceland, (C) 1940/11) Note
different position.
C. in C. W.A.'s. 1755 in position 61° (?) 50' N.,
020° 05' W. HIGHLANDER and BROADWATER searching
to W. and S.W. until 0700/12.
(HIGHLANDER, 2200/11 to A.C.I.C., WATCHMAN)
My 1755A/11. Aircraft claims to have sunk U-Boat
in 062° 01' N., 021° 05' W. Any ships able to
do so should search the vicinity.
(C. in C. W.A., 2335A/11 to MALCOLM, etc.)
W.D. Note- No signal of "sinking" in W.D.
Position differs from that in A/C's 1541/11.

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Home Commands.

Swingate R.D.F. Station shelled.

Enemy coastal batteries fired 19 rounds this afternoon, apparently at the R.D.F. station, Swingate. One personnel was wounded, but no naval damage or casualties were caused.

S.S.SOUKHONA.

At 1105 G.M.T. S.S. SOUKHONA in 60° N. 5° W. signalled that she required immediate assistance from a warship.

Spitzbergen.

The Russians report that the German Command in Northern Norway made a suggestion on 6/10 that Spitzbergen should be occupied by troops and artillery.

Cruisers for Med. Fleet.

AURORA and PENELOPE left Scapa this morning to join the Mediterranean Fleet. Two destroyers from Force H. are to accompany them from Gibraltar to Malta; and LAFOREY and LIGHTNING from the Home Fleet are to replace these two destroyers in Force H.

British Air Operations.

20 Wellingtons attacked Emden last night.

Coastal Command aircraft last night attacked targets in Norway and shipping off the coast.

Bomber Command aircraft today attacked barge concentrations at Boulogne and shipping off the Dutch coast where a 5000 ton tanker was hit amidships and a 6000 ton Timber ship was hit and apparently set on fire.

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Enemy Air Operations.

At 1807 today F.Ws were homing U-boats on to O.G.75.

S.S. GLYNN in E.C.84 was bombed in the early hours of this morning off Yarmouth, and had to be sunk by QUANTOCK in 52° 54' 42" N. 1° 56' 0" E.

A further attack on Portland harbour was made at 0320 today; but no naval damage was caused.

Mining.

11 Hampdens laid mines last night in the mouth of the Elbe and Weser and off Sylt. 2 Beauforts laid mines off Brest.

As from 0001A today, the Port of Liverpool will be closed every night.

Mines were detonated today off the Humber, Harwich and Sheerness.

All Bristol Channel ports were reported to be open and normal working resumed at 1153A today. A mine was exploded.

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South Atlantic.

Oiler BROOMDALE reports hearing gunfire in 17° 54' S. 37° 44' W. at 1245Z today. BIRMINGHAM, BULOLO and two corvettes are investigating.

Mediterranean.

S/M Operations. ROROUAL reports that she laid mines off the approaches to Piraeus on 8/10.

C. in C. Med. reports that on 3/10 TALISMAN hit with torpedoes a 4000 ton merchant vessel which was aground on San Georgio Island. A torpedoed merchant ship, probably THEOPHILE GAUTIER (see 6/10) was seen entering E.channel in convoy on 4/10. On 7/10 TALISMAN sank a 5000 ton merchant ship in convoy off Suda Bay.

Red Sea. The escort force is being withdrawn, with the exception of SHOREHAM and FALMOUTH.

Libya and Western Desert. Six Wellingtons attacked Tripoli harbour last night and 4 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour.

Operation "Cultivate" has commenced to relieve the remainder of the Australian troops in Tobruk by part of the 3rd Divn. from Syria. Minelayers and destroyers are transporting troops and stores between Alexandria and Tobruk.

Two A. lighters are missing from last night.

Battle Fleet. The Battle Fleet sailed to the westward today.

/Defended

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Mediterranean - contd.

Defended anchorages in Red Sea.

Anchorage J, for fast merchant vessels is to be established at Gimsah (27° 37' N. 33° 36' E) Anchorage B, for slow merchant ships, is to be established at Abu Zenima (29° 0' N. 33° 7' E.)

China.

A Japanese vessel navigating without any ensign in Hong Kong territorial waters today refused to stop until brought to by M.T.B.08, and refused to allow the boarding officer to board her.

U-Boat Campaign.

Portuguese S.S. CORTE REAL was boarded by a U-boat today and was finally sunk by torpedo at 1600 80 miles west of Lisbon.

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Policy.

73rd A/S Group. A.C.O.S. 1451A/11. No objection to this but 73rd A/S Group may have to be used for escort of P.Q.3 from Hvalfiord on 22/10 unless ships with higher endurance such as the trawler referred to in your 1710A/7 can be fitted out in time for this commitment.
Experience with DERVISH and Q.P.1 has shown that 73rd A/S Group have insufficient margin of endurance to allow for bad weather.
(C. in C. H.F. 0958/12.)

Co-operation with Russia.

Archangel. Request American authorities be told that maximum draught in fresh water at Archangel is 22 feet. VILLE D'ANVERS arrived in P.Q.One drawing 27 feet and may not get over Bar.
(Ad. Miles 1301C/12.)
Your 1430A/2. Understand LONDON was unable to check these details. Suggest that Commodore Dowding R.N.R. who was in LLANSTEPHAN CASTLE may be able to give useful information.
(C. in C. H.F. 1853/12 to Adty.)
First impression of Archangel obtained from talk with C.Os of LONDON and ELECTRA indicates necessity for the appointment of a S.B.N.O. Archangel and staff to co-ordinate arrangements with Russian Staff, unless Captain Wyburd is to remain there permanently and can have assistance.
Fuelling arrangements are very slow and primitive, and oil is transported some 40 miles by dumb lighter. A British tanker to maintain a ready use supply in anchorage is desirable.
Alternatively delay in turn round of escorts will be inevitable in bad weather.
(C. in C. H.F. 1859A/12 to Adty.)

Movements.

RISOR. (Yacht) Departed 0845 for West Coast via Grangemouth and Forth-Clyde Canal. If wind unfavourable intends harbouring Rosyth. (N.O.I.C. Methil 0922/12.)

ICARUS. My 1110A/11. Delayed 72 hours. (F.O. Humber, 0932A/12.)

AURORA.
PENELOPE. Scapa departure 0813. (A.C.O.S. 0951A/12.)

/Steaming

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Movements - contd.

Steaming performances. WALKER etc.

Steaming performance of WALKER during past seven months is most noteworthy. Steaming performance of SALADIN, SALISBURY, ST. ALBANS, VANOC, WELLINGTON, BLUEBELL, DIANELLA, HEATHER and MALLOW during past three months also reflect great credit on all concerned.
(C. in C. W.A. 1133A/12.)

SHROPSHIRE.

Adjust your speed to pass B.2. buoy at 1615.
(C. in C. Nore 1226A/12 to SHROPSHIRE.)
Sheerness arrival SHROPSHIRE, QUORN and VIVACIOUS 1710. (C. in C. Nore 1816A/12.)

NORMAN.

Today Archangel arrived NORMAN.
(SUFFOLK 1244Z/12.)

CANTON.

My 1134A/10. CANTON now leaves Clyde a.m.14th.
(S.O.W.P. 1314A/12.)

PETUNIA.

Your 1840A/11. As PETUNIA has no charts of West Greenland and none are obtainable locally, suggest ocean R.V. with special convoy mentioned in Admiralty's 1814A/10 or that NIPIGON should meet and pilot PETUNIA into Julianhaab.
PETUNIA has chart 235.
(A.C.I.C. 1851/12 to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 1840A/11. PETUNIA sailed 1727Z/12. E.T.A. daylight 15/10. Reference my 1851Z/12, PETUNIA has obtained additional Danish Chart from ALGOMA. (A.C.I.C. 2007/12 to C. in C. W.A.)
(PETUNIA 1745/12.)

Operations.

Patrol off The Hague.

Weather permitting 1 (one) unit of 70 foot M.T.Bs is to carry out a patrol between 5 and 10 miles off shore along parallel 052° 08' N.
One unit of M.G.Bs is to act as covering force and is to remain in vicinity 052° 20' N. 004° 05' E. until required.
Result of air R/C will be signalled by 'I' method between Harwich and Yarmouth.
M.T.B. may attack surface vessels without challenge east of 002° 30' E. but full challenge procedure is to be used by both units when returning from patrol.
(C. in C. Nore 1232A/12 and 1727A/12 to BEEHIVE)
Departure M.G.Bs 61, 63, 58. M.T.Bs 34,31.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1746A/12.)

/East

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East Coast Patrols.

Weather permitting patrols tonight Sunday are.
(1) 2 M.G.Bs vicinity Z K W E 1805.
(2) 2 M.G.Bs vicinity Z K W E 0800
(3) 3 M.Ls vicinity Smith's Knoll Buoy.
(4) 3 M.G.Bs and 2 M.T.Bs returning from Eastward between Aldeburgh and Galloper at daylight.
(C. in C. Nore 1421A/12.)

Dover Patrols.

Three M.T.Bs leave Dover at 0220/13 to patrol vicinity of Bullock Buoy, returning to Dover at 0700. Route via number 10 Buoy each way.
Two M.G.Bs leave Dover at 0330 to patrol South Varne returning to Dover at 0700.
(V.A. Dover 1757A/12.)

Swingate R.D.F.Station shelled.

Enemy coastal batteries fired nineteen single rounds between 1205 and 1422 today. Their objective appeared to be the R.D.F. Station Swingate, sixteen rounds falling on land and three in the sea eastward of Dover harbour. One R.D.F. Personnel at Swingate wounded. No damage to Naval Personnel or property.
(V.A. Dover 1851A/12.)

Operation Q.K.3 Q.K.4 Q.K.9 Q.K.10.

Prepare to carry out operation Q.K.(3) or (4) with two M.Ls on 14/10 or first suitable day after that date. Operations Q.K.(9) or (10) are alternative operations to the above.
(C. in C. Nore 1936A/12 to BEEHIVE.)

British Air Operations.

Patrols.

"Hornli" now in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1041/12.)
P.R.U. of Haugesund and Stavanger now being flown. The following P.R.U. will be flown later: Oslo, Horten, Fredrikshavn, Aalborg, and Christiansand. (C. in C. Rosyth 1131/12.)
My 1131/12. P.R.U. of Oslo etc. cancelled.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1505/12.)

Emden bombed.

On Night 11/12, 17 A/C bombed Emden and started fires. (H.Q.B.C. 1225/12.)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Portland bombed.

At 2349/11 one enemy A/C carried out a low-flying attack dropping one bomb in Portland Harbour, and machine gunning. A.B.C.D. Nil. (F.O.I.C. Portland 0043/12.)
My 0043/12. Coal hulk HINDUSTAN was sunk by bomb. A second attack was made at 0320 but no bombs on Naval property.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 0828/12.)

Convoy E.C.84 GLYNN (British 1134 Tons) sunk.

GLYNN in E.C.84 bombed at about 0220 today was finally sunk by QUANTOCK in 52° 34' 42" N. 01° 56' 00" E. Towage and salvage impossible. Chief Engineer and 1 fireman missing. Remainder of crew landed at Yarmouth by Tug KROOMAN.
(QUANTOCK 0340/12, 0430A/12, 0815A/12, F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0340A/12, 0843A/12, C. in C. Nore 0949A/12.)

Yarmouth bombed. NESSUS damaged.

Gt. Yarmouth bombed at 1940A/11. A to C Nil. Unexploded bomb passed through counter of Salvage Tug NESSUS causing slight damage.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 0935A/12.)
Salvage Officer reports NESSUS received bomb damage 2000/11. U.X.B. penetrated extreme stern of vessel, making a little water, but Salvage pumps installed. No danger of sinking.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1630A/12.)

O.G.75.

Five F.W. aircraft are active in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 1518A/12 to O.G.75.)

Mining.

SCOTT.

Arrival. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0757A/12.)

5 Mines off Barrow Deep on 1/10.

WESTMINSTER reported that it was probable that she detonated 5 mines in vicinity of Barrow Deep on 1/10. CIaim is concurred in. Details not reported to C. in C. Nore. (C. in C. Nore 1150A/12.)

Proposed operation.

Sailed WELSHMAN and MANXMAN. (N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1155/12.)

Bristol Channel.

My 2059A/7. All Bristol Channel ports now open and normal working resumed. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1153A/12.)
Exploded red mine by L.L. 206° 1.5 miles from Flatholm light. (Capt. M/S Bristol Channel, 1601A/12.)

/Thames ...

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Mining. - contd.

Thames Estuary.	One magnetic mine detonated by sweepers 0621/12. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1437/12.) On night 11/12 mines were seen to fall in the convoy anchorage to the South of Southend Pier and splashes most probably caused by mines were seen North and South of the Channel near East Spile buoy. At 2050 an explosion apparently caused by a bomb occurred about a mile North of Bartons Point and at 2034 an explosion apparently caused by a mine occurred on the Red Sand. (S.O. T.L.D.F. 1452/12.)
Operations S.N.24 B and D.F.2.	Intend to carry out, and to lay dummy minefields D.F.2 off Gallon Head, Lewis with PORT QUEBEC and LANCASTER. Sail 1900/13, lay 0430/14, return Port Z.A. 1700/14. Details. (R.A.M. 1507/12) See Lion Copy.
	One S.A. mine detonated at 1332/12. Details. (Capt. M/S Sheerness 1646/12.)
ICEMAID. (Mined 11/10)	Arrival Tug KENIA. Assistance was not required. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1701A/12.)
Harwich.	2 S.A. Mines detonated at 1250 and 1255 today. Details. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1924A/12.)
Humber.	One Magnetic Mine detonated by Sweeper at 1217/12. Details. (F.O. Humber 2240/12.)

Enemy Intelligence.

M/V off Cape Wrath.	T T T - remain with object as long as petrol permits or until relieved. Instruct object to steer 100° true. (18 Group H.Q. 1527/12 to A/C of 404 Sqdn.) My N.R.I. P.C.S. of M/V 59° 43' N. 5° 8' W., 260° 5 knots. (A/C of 404 Sqdn. 1530/12 to 18 Group.) My N.R.2. Course 260°. No reply to signals. (A/C 1635/12 to 18 Group H.Q.)

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Enemy Intelligence-Contd.

Spitzbergen. Russian staff have just handed to us a message from what they describe as a first class source. Source reports that the German Command in Northern Norway suggested on 6/10 that Spitzbergen should be occupied with troops and artillery and that it was perfectly possible to forestall any possible English action. The possibility of landing troops by air from heavy aircraft (sic) some 6 to 8 kilometres from Longvuen was mentioned. It is not clear from the message if it was suggested that such aeroplanes could actually land and take off in this area. Russians obviously take the message seriously. I cannot find the place named but it might possibly be Longyearby. (Mil. Mission, Moscow 2304/12 to War Office).

Casualties and Defects.

PETUNIA. E.T.A. 0400Z/12 with ZAAFARAN. Request Hval Fjord Gate at 0530Z and urgent assistance on arrival to remedy defect in A/S type 123A. (PETUNIA 0130A/12 to A.C.I.C.)
A/S defect completed. (PETUNIA 1745/12).

WARKWORTH (Collision 10/10) Consider was in last reported position of WARKWORTH given by WATCHMAN, at 1405A/11. Failed to locate WARKWORTH. Still searching. (NORTHERN GEM 0143A/12).
SALVONIA escorted by THIRLMERE sailed 1925Z/11 for WARKWORTH. (A.C.I.C. 0540/12 to NORTHERN GEM).
Have searched for 24 hours. Have not yet located. Still searching. Request instructions. (NORTHERN GEM 1700Z/12 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).
Your 1700Z/12. Estimated position of WARKWORTH at 2300Z/12 057° 50' N. 025° 30' W.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland 2331/12 to NORTHERN GEM).

DYNAMO. Departure Tug KENIA to assist S.S. DYNAMO. LADY PHILOMENA on escort duties. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1115A/12).

PONTFIELD. My 1745/11. PONTFIELD and tugs EMPIRE HENCHMAN and ATTENTIF arrived. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1120/12)

GREENFLY. Arrival GREENFLY in tow of TANGO at 1515. (F.O. Humber 1553/12).

/EDINBURGH.....

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Casualties and Defects-Contd.

EDINBURGH. A.M. 1047/10 and your 0941/10. Repairs are being completed more quickly than expected and EDINBURGH will be ready to sail 0400/16. (C.S.18 1930A/12).

Shipping and Convoys.

H.X. 152. Your 2214A/11. Approved for Oban Ships and Clyde Ships to proceed unescorted. No local escort available. (C. in C. W.A. 0313A/12 to KEPPEL).

P.Q.2. Your 1414A/11th. It is most undesirable that P.Q.2 should arrive Scapa after dark. Request you will make necessary adjustment in times of sailing to ensure that this convoy will pass Scapa Gate not later than 1800A/15. (A.C.O.S. 1152A/12 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool).

H.X. 153. Convoy Seven Hours late Point (N) Speed of Advance 9.4 knots. (Convoy H.X. 153 1200/12).

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North Atlantic.

Search of Cape Verde Is.	C. in C. S.A. 1301N/11. In view of pending operations extremely unlikely that any Catalina can be spared. (ii) C. in C. S.A. 1301N/11 and 1305N/11 have been passed to S.O. Force H. (F.O.C.N.A., 1018A/12 to Admty, C. in C. S.A.)
French Shipping.	Passing Gibraltar 11/10. (D.O.R., 13/10).
P.31	Intend to sail P.31 P.M./13 for Malta. Passes through 038° 001' 009° 001' at 0500A/17 approx. thence as ordered by N.O.I.C. Malta. (F.O.C.N.A., 1110A/12 to C. in C. Med).
GERMANIA.	Report graded C.2. states GERMANIA will leave Teneriffe on 14/10 or 15/10. (D.D.I.C. 1555A/12 to F.O.C.N.A.) May leave Teneriffe 14/10 or 15/10. (F.O.C.N.A., 2314A/12 to S. & A. N.A.) My 1042A/11/9 para. 4 (b) Report graded C.2. states will leave Teneriffe 14/10 or 15/10 (11) When on patrol you should normally keep to East of 20° W. (F.O.C.N.A., 2330A/12 to MARON).
Diversion of Independently routed ships in N. and S. Atlantic.	Your 1150A/10 concur. (F.O.C.N.A., 1607A/12 to Admty).
O.G.75	F.O.C.N.A., 1832A/12 See U-boat campaign.
BURRA.	Arrived bunkering arrangements are being made for boiler repairs. (R.O. Horta, 2130/12).
S/M Detector, Gibraltar.	Intend laying contact detection wire close seaward Northern entrance (i) Copper wire 3 feet from bottom designed show presence miniature S/M (S.L.C.) approaching net on bottom of sea. (ii) Metalic contact will operate klaxon through Vernon Evershed instrument (S/M net indicating unit). (iii) Instrument borrowed from SEVERN with concurrence of Capt (S) 8. (F.O.C.N.A., 2230/12 to Admty).

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South Atlantic.

ASTURIAS. C. in C. A.W.I. 1502Q/11 is repeated to you. Request you will issue instructions and arrange R/V with BULOLO. (C. in C. S.A., 1201N/12 to R.A.S.A.D.)

WILD SWAN. Your 1744A/11 yes please.
(C. in C. S.A., 1222N/12 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Gunfire reported by BROOMDALE. Oiler BROOMDALE (?reports) hearing gunfire in 017° 54' S., 037° 44' W., 1245Z/12. BIRMINGHAM BULOLO and Corvettes investigating.
(R.A.S.A.D., 1917Z/12 to PRETORIA CASTLE).

Mediterranean.

Enemy Unit. Following has been read. Position of enemy is 016° 37° N., 12° E. 48.
(Malta W/T 0255/12).
Following has been read. P.C. and S. of enemy are 017° 37° N., 12° E., 020° 15 knots.
(Malta, W/T 0340A/12).
1 unknown unit 344°. WPBA S.
(Call Sign 2DJJ 0903/12 to Alexandria Port Wave Guard). W.D. Note - Position indecypherable.

Navigational danger. Safaga Red Sea. A rock with least depth 20 feet exists in position 279° 2200 yards from Morewood beacon. Vessels must therefore keep accurately on the leading line.
(Malta W/T, 1008A/12 to S/Ms. on patrol).

Alexandria Minesweeping Summary. Week ending 12/10. One red mine type and age unknown swept by LL outside searched channel N.W. of Great Pass in 18 fathoms.
(N.O.I.C., Alexandria, 1017/12).

TRAPANI, SALZBURG, (German). B.2. information states arrived in Piraeus on 8/10 with German and Austrian troops and vehicles, convoyed by 2 Italian warships. A previous report (D.S. 648 of 14/6) had stated that SALZBURG was sunk on 10/6. (D.S. 768, 12/10)

/Air.....

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Air R/C. — Your 1829/11. (N.T. in W.R.) Air R/C has been arranged. Distance too great for striking force. (V.A. Malta, 1045A/12 to C. in C. Med).

TRUANT, PORPOISE. — Adjust speed to proceed submerged from 038° 00' 011° 44' to 037° 16' 012° 56' during daylight TRUANT on 15/10 PORPOISE on 16/10 thence direct to North west searched channel to arrive Marsamxett during daylight following day. (V.A. Malta, 1056A/12 to TRUANT, PORPOISE).

THORN. — Your 0727/12 THORN leaves P.M./13 through 035° 51' 015° 15' 038° 05' 019° 36' to arrive area P P.M./15. (Capt. (S) 10 1101A/12 to Capt. (S) 1). My 1831/11 THORN is not on patrol. (Capt. (S) 1, 1815B/12 to TORBAY).

Air Operations. — Night 10/11 Oct. 17 Wellingtons bombed Power Station and stores dumps at Derna. Direct hit set power station on fire. Fires also started on east side of town between Harbour and Tobruk Road. Many bombs in dump area but no visible results. 6 Blenheims despatched to attack M.T. workshops at Bardia failed to locate objective and dropped bombs on other targets in town. Further 4 Blenheims subsequently started a fire at workshops and 2 fires on south west side of town. Enemy fighter over Bardia did not attack. 2 F.A.A. Albacores carried out effensive reconnaissance of Bardia Harbour for enemy submarine which had attacked shipping off Egyptian coast on 10/11. Submarine not located and aircraft bombed suspected stores and M.T. in Bardia Wadi starting a small fire.
Day 11/10. Blenheim on offensive reconnaissance for enemy shipping off coast of Cyrenaica between Tolmeta and Ras Ol Hilal attacked an unidentified sailing boat 1 250 lb. falling near vessel. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1136/12).
Night 11/12 Oct. 6 Wellingtons attacked Tripoli Harbour. Time over target 2230 to 0030 hours. Hits and near misses Spanish Mole and Quay, Civilian seaplane base, Barracks East Fort Hamidie. Opposition usual. One Fulmar bombed and Machine gunned barracks Passero after failing to locate Castel Vetrano. 5 Swordfish despatched attack convoy off Marittimo (see my 1. 176 para. 2) 4 aircraft lost leader owing to cloud and bad weather. Failed to locate, returned with torpedoes. Leader located 2 M/Vs 5/6000 tons, one destroyer at 0150 hours 244° Marsala 8 miles steaming South 8 knots. Bombed leading M/V. Result unobserved. (Malta, 1837/12).

/Suez.....

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Suez and Red Sea Anchorages.

Following have been approved by C. in C. (Group missing).
(i) A defended anchorage for fast merchant vessels is to be established at Gimsah (027° 37' N., 033° 36' E) to be known as anchorage J.
(ii) A defended anchorage for slow merchant ships is to be established at Abu Zenima (029° 00' N., 033° 07' E) to be known as anchorage B.
(iii) Co-ordination of anti-aircraft defence arrangements will be responsibility of R.A.F. An officer for Naval Control service duty will be stationed at each anchorage when accommodation is available.
(iv) Movement of shipping between these anchorages and Suez and between anchorages and Southern Red Sea ports will be ordered by S.N.O. Red Sea as soon as his officers are established at Suez; in meanwhile movements will be ordered by S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area.
(v) M.W.T. M.E. are requested to inform S.N.O. Red Sea of their requirements for arrival merchant vessels in Egypt instead of calling up direct from Aden. The calling-up will (?then be) done by S.N.O. Red Sea as requisite to ensure safety of shipping.
(C. in C. Med., 1226B/12 to S.B.N.O. Suez, S.N.O. Red Sea etc).

Air R/C.

Maryland covered strip at least 50 miles wide centre line joins 038° 40' N., 018° 40' E. and 36° 48'N., 019° 44' E., between 1030 and 1130. Nil report. Visibility excellent. Regret no further R/C available this area.
(V.A. Malta, 1318A/12 to C. in C. Med).
Your 1318A/12. Request you arrange further R/C(s) with same object tomorrow 13th to best scale attainable observing that it seems possible this affair may hang fire for one or two days.
(C. in C. Med., 2124B/12 to V.A. Malta).
Your 2124B. This will be done.
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 2331A/12, to C. in C. Med).

Russian ships to pass Straits.

Your 1046/11. Names of icebreakers are MAKAROV not AROV and MIKOYAN not MIKDYAN. MAKAROV is old, MIKOYAN new. NOLOTOV is new KIROV class cruiser.
(D.N.I., 1440A/12 to S.O. (I) Med).

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GEORGIC Bombed (14/7). — GEORGIC afloat aft and stern up about 9 feet list decreasing but bows still on reef. Progress slow as necessary pump (corrupt group) to control stability. Position is very satisfactory. -(N.O.I.C. Port Tewfik, 1514B/12).

ELIZABETH HENDRIK FISSER, German. — Departure Genoa 10th. (Valencia THI. 1520/12).

Minelaying in Canal. — Your 2021B/6 minelaying under water is possible but would require special fittings like tubes inside the hull and power devices for ejection and is considered unlikely. The two recent occurrences are more likely to have been due to defective mines especially type G., but there is no known explanation. (D.T.M., 1617A/12 to S.B.N.O. Suez).

M.T.Bs. 68, 215. — You should keep close in to own port. Submarine has been sighted approaching and may arrive there about 0100/13. (C. in C. Med., 1810B/12 to M.T.B. 68, 215).

THEOPHILE GAUTIER (French sunk 4/10). — Your 0038/7 and my 1313/7. TALISMAN reports attacking on 4/10 an escorted Southbound convoy of one merchant ship and 1 small tanker entering Zea Channel. The merchant ship was hit. It seems likely that this was THEOPHILE GAUTIER. Ship was not showing light and had an indistinct tricolour painting on side, heavy counter attack followed. (C. in C. Med., 1910B/12 to Admty).

Situation report No. 157. — Battle Fleet under V.A.1 was at sea operating without incident in vicinity of Mersa Matruh night 10/11 and has again sailed to the Westward. Air R/C West of Greece has not revealed any movement of ships.
(2) Western Desert. Tobruk supply resumed. 3 A Lighters on passage Mersa Matruh to Tobruk with tanks and M.T. encountered U-boat at 0520/10 in 31.35 N., 46. 41 E. Spirited action ensued in which U-boat was hit several times and submerged. One casualty in A.18 which returned to Mersa Matruh, A.2 and A.7 continued to Tobruk Six destroyers hunted U-boat without success night 10/11.
(3) Operation "Cultivate" has commenced to relieve the remainder of Australian troops in Tobruk by part of 5th (?as recd). Division from Syria. Minelayers and destroyers transporting troops and stores between Alexandria and Tobruk.

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(4) U-boat sighted and attacked by aircraft 70 miles North of Tobruk noon (? 8th). Two M.T.Bs patrolling off Bardia tonight 12/13.
(5) Submarines. TALISMAN (A) Hit 4000 ton M/V with torpedoes 3/10. Ship was already aground on San Georgio Island. (B) Torpedoed merchant ship entering E Channel in convoy on 4/10 probable THEOPHILE GAUTIER. (C) Torpedoed and sank 3000 ton M/S in convoy off Suda Bay on 7/10.
(6) Red Sea. Escort Force being withdrawn with exception of SHOREHAM and FALMOUTH.
(C.in C. Med. 2304B/12.)

RORQUAL minelaying. SOKOL.

1. RORQUAL reports at 0835B/8 in 037° 28'N 023° 53'E sighted 2 small northbound m/vs in ballast escorted by 2 destroyers. Since enemy was about to pass over position (? of) proposed lay and merchant vessels were empty, no action was taken.
2. At 1129B/8 in 037° 29'N 023° 53'E on a line 330° extending 2.7 7 miles commenced laying, completed at 1212B/8. Positions are correct within 2 cables.
3. SOKOL reports being in 035° 06'N 012° 10'E from 1600B/10 until 2130B/10. Convoy not seen and considered passed to eastward. At 2210 air attack on convoy observed bearing 160° distant about 20 miles. SOKOL moved between Lampedusa and attack position (?thence) moved to attack position, nothing seen.
(Capt. S.10, 2354A/12 to Capt. S.1).

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East Indies.

Red Sea.
D.E.M.S.

F.O.R.S. 0702/26/9 from Adm. Dreyer. I am in agreement with C. in C. Med., that on transfer of Red Sea to Med., Station the Red Sea gun and Balloon Shuttle services and D.E.M.S., organisation at Aden should come under F.O.R.S., not C. in C. Med.
(C. in C.E.I., 0710Z/12, to Admty.)

M.A.I.

EXETER escorting Convoy M.A.I., arrived Aden 0500/12. (D.O.R., 13/10.)

FLICKER
FULL MOON.

In order that minesweeping Force in Persian Gulf may be ready at short notice for sweeping if necessity arises, it is intended that FLICKER and FULL MOON, late KOS 10 and KOS 11 should be diverted to the Persian Gulf.
2. C. in C.E.I., is requested to make the necessary arrangements for their onward routeing from Mombasa.
(D.M.S. 1310A/12, to C. in C. Med., C. in C.E.I.)

Guns for
M/V's
Red Sea.

Your 1356/6. Shuttle service machine guns at Aden will be made up to 200 as follows.
(A) Already available 32 Hotchkiss, 8 Lewis and 37 Savage Lewis total 77. (B) 50 due Aden from U.K. in accordance with your 2007/9/7. (C) 73 out of the 100 Savage guns allocated Colombo in your 1242/24.
(C. in C.E.I., 1720Z/12, to Admty.)

China.

Liaison
at Vladivos-
tock.

Russians have refused to accept two Naval Officers at Vladivostock. Proposals.
(No. 30 Mily., Mission 1130/12 to W.O.)

Japanese
Ship.

Stopped by M.T.B., No. 0.8 in territorial waters off Hong Kong. No ensign until stopped, refused to stop until brought to by firing across bows, refused to allow boarding. Suggest protest.
(Cdre i/c Hong Kong, 1501Z/12 to C. in C. China.)
See Lion Copy.

MOSEL
(German.)

Report of 9/10 states recently arrived at Yokohama. (D.S., 768.)

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America & West Indies.

Sailing of Canadian Escorts.

Your 1514Z/10. Following from C. in C.Western Approaches to A.C.I.C repeated C.C.N.F. "Cancel my 1201A/1. S.O.P.A., should issue necessary instructions to sail Canadian escorts (S). 1213A/11".
(D.T.D. 0022A/12 to N.S.H.Q., Ottawa.)

H.X. 154.
H.X. 153.
Escort.

Your 1655Z/11. HX154 composed CHARLES F.HUGHES (SO) MADISON, GLEAVES, LANSDALE, SIMPSON, HX153 assigned SAMPSON (SO) LEA, BERNADOU, DUPONT and MACLEISH.
(Opnav, 0355/12, to Admty.)

CATHAY
NANAIMO.

Halifax departure 11/10 CATHAY to Brooklyn, New York, NANAIMO to R/V with S.C.49.
(S.O.I. Halifax, 0441Z/12 to Admty. etc.)

Task Force Two.

A.M. 1938/21/9.
Re-organisation of Task Force Two:-
(a) Group 2.5 RANGER PHILADELPHIA LANG WILSON at Bermuda.
(b) Group 2.6 YORKTOWN SAVANNAH WAINWRIGHT MAYRANT TRIPPE RHIND ROWAN at Argentia.
(c) Group 2.7 WASP BROOKLYN NASHVILLE STACK STERRET at Hampton Roads.
(D.O.D.(F) 1303A/12.)

Suspicious Ship.

SAN PEDRO reports MARIE BAKKE (Norg.) sighted 0900 local time 4/10 suspicious vessel Munchen type in position 30 miles from Acapulco. Ship painted grey, gun aft. Speed 17 knots.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1534Z/12 to C. in C.A.W.I.)

MONDOC.
(sunk 5/10, sabotage.)

Ref. C.A.F.O. 727/41.
(1) Wreck presumed to be S.S.MONDOC known to have sunk in vicinity.
(2) By Lazard.
(3) 20 feet 2 masts and 2 Samson posts between them showing above high water.
(4) On Emerald Shoal, 17.8 miles from Galera Point 108°.
(5) No.
Position verified by CLARKIA, heavy swell and strong current. Light buoy considered desirable. Q.Z.H. message requested.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1645A/12 to Admty, Cdre., i/c Bermuda, 1053Q/13. C. in C.A.W.I., 1302Q/13.)

/A.M.C.'s..

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America & West Indies.Contd.

A.M.C.'s. Your 1603A/10 and your 2146B/21/5 to R.A.S. Is it desired that work to increase troop carrying capacity of A.M.C.'s should be continued or suspended pending decision as to future employment?
(C. in C.A.W.I., 1704Q/12 to Admty.)

Australia & New Zealand.

A.D.B.2. Summary of agreement. From Chiefs of Staff to Chiefs of Staff.
(W.O., 0800/12 to Army, Melbourne, Defender, Wellington.)
See Lion Copy.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships attacked.

SVEND FOYN. (torpedoed 7/10) Anticipate SVEND FOYN will be ready to sail 18/10 and will require to be towed. Propose RESTIVE should tow SVEND FOYN as TAHCHEE will not be ready for approximately three weeks. In view of bad holding ground at Reykjavik and number of merchant vessels anchored road, and of desirability stationing a tug at Hvalfjord request salvage tug strength in Iceland may be kept to two tugs. (A.C.I.C. 1227/12 to Adty.)

Submarines Reported.

1100/11. Swedish ship SHANTUNG reports sighting a submarine in approx. 56° N., 8° W. at 1100/11. Heavy weather at the time. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1305/12 to Adty. C. in C. W.A.)

1315. P.C. and S. of one S/M are TWWT 1530 120 10. (Indecipherable position). (64 Sqn. 1315/12).

Estimated U/B dispositions.
(D.D.I.C. 1442A/12)

07042. Transit aircraft reports sighting ocean going U-boat on surface at 07042/12 in 048° 20' N. 007° 05' W. course 360°. (F.O.C.N.A. 1726A/12 to Adty.)

? 1709 At 17 (?09) 12th strong signal received German U-boat bearing 293/2. U-boat believed to be easterly Swordfish and Walrus aircraft ordered to search and attack. (F.O.C.N.A. 1741A/12).

O.G. 75. reported. At 1807/12 F/Ws were homing U-boat on to O.G. 75. (F.O.C.N.A. 1832A/12 to Escort of O.G. 75).

Submarines Attacked.

By "A" Lighters. Off Mersa Matruh, 0520/10. (C. in C. Med., 2304B/12).

By A/C. Off Tobruk, noon/8. (C. in C. Med. 2304B/12) (See Mediterranean).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Two M.T.Bs supported by 2 M.G.Bs carried out a patrol last night off the Dutch coast.

E-Boat attack on F.N.31.

Convoy F.N.31 was attacked by E-Boats about midnight 12/13 October in approx. 53° N. 1° 52' E. (off the Coast of Norfolk). S.S. CHEVINGTON and ROY were torpedoed and sunk. Destroyers drove off the enemy and report that three were damaged and one may have sunk. Three E-Boats were reported later, apparently attempting to attack F.S.18, and were engaged by MENDIP; two of them are thought to have been damaged. The two M.G.Bs at Brown Ridge were ordered to intercept and managed to get into action with one E-boat which escaped owing to superior speed.

Accident.

A serious accident involving casualties occurred on board blockship INVERLANE during fire fighting exercise today.

British Air Operations.

Targets at Bremen and Boulogne docks were attacked last night. Coastal Command aircraft operated successfully off the Dutch coast.

A naval vessel of corvette type was attacked by Coastal Command aircraft early this morning off the coast of Norway, resulting in two explosions amidships.

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Enemy Air Operations.

A/P Trawler ANDRE MONIQUE was attacked about 0200 today near S.C.3 buoy (Milford Haven area) and had one casualty.

Mining.

Mines were detonated today off Sheerness and Flamborough Head.

North Atlantic.

H.M.T. LOCH OSKAIG was bombed and damaged by a F.W. this afternoon in 38° 15' N. 9° 59' W. and is proceeding to Gibraltar.

Collaboration between the attackers and the Italian Consular authorities at Algeciras has been clearly established in the recent attack on ships in Gibraltar harbour by 2 man submarines.

South Atlantic.

A report on the state of the R.A.F. G/R squadrons in West Africa from C. in C. S.A. shows that -
Of 95 Sqdn. (Sunderland), only 1 is available out of 4 (establishment is 8 aircraft).
Of 200 Sqdn. (Hudson), only 2 are available out of 9 (establishment is 12 aircraft).
Of 204 Sqdn. (Sunderland), only 2 are available out of 6 (establishment is 8 aircraft).
Thus out of establishments of 28 aircraft and present strengths of 19, only 5 are at present serviceable.

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South Atlantic - contd.

This will necessitate deferring for about 10 days the proposed operation against U-Boats at Cape Verde Islands.

Raider patrol.

BIRMINGHAM, LAVENDER and BERGAMOT are patrolling the focal area around Abrolhos. BULOLO is on patrol further south.

Mediterranean.

Air Operations.

At 2310 seven Swordfish attacked a convoy consisting of a 6000 ton merchant vessel, a destroyer and an escort vessel, 75 miles 172° Lampedusa, steaming south. Two hits were obtained on the merchant vessel, which was afterwards seen low in the water on fire, with the destroyer picking up survivors.

Libya and Western Desert.

The Russians have information that shipments of both German and Italian Troops and munitions to Libya have latterly increased, and they think the Axis are hurrying to forestall any action of ours in Libya by attacking us there.

7 aircraft bombed Bardia harbour last night.
7 Wellingtons bombed Tripoli harbour.

Tobruk was bombed last night.

Battle Fleet.

Three torpedo bombers unsuccessfully attacked the Battle Fleet at 1345 today in 31° 25' N. 29° 15' E.

Piraeus bombed.

5 Wellingtons last night bombed fuel oil containers in Piraeus Harbour.

/Minesweepers ...

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Mediterranean - contd.

Minesweepers. C. in C. Med. again stresses his shortage of minesweepers in face of the mining attacks which are taking place on the station.

Opposed Landings. In view of the possibility of combined operations being undertaken next year on a scale hitherto impossible in M.E. the C. in C. M.E. proposes that an inter-Service Directorate of opposed landings should be formed at G.H.Q. M.E.F.

East Indies.

S.S. HOHENFELS, damaged by sabotage at Bandar Gulf and captured there on 25/8, has been salved by KANIMBLA and left Bandar Gulf on 11/10 for Karachi in tow of two tugs.

U-Boat Campaign.

O.G.75. Four separate S/Ms made sighting reports of O.G.75. Long range aircraft were also in the neighbourhood of the convoy. ARK ROYAL sent 4 Swordfish and 4 Fulmars to attack the U-Boats. The convoy eventually arrived safely at Gibraltar.

/A Hudson .....

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U-Boat Campaign - contd.

A Hudson reports having bombed and hit an enemy S/M this morning in 45° 52' N. 8° 0' W. The steering of the S/M appeared to be damaged, but further A/C, sent out after the attacker returned to base, failed to locate the enemy.

Another Hudson on the same patrol attacked a U-boat 120 miles N. of Cape Ortegal and estimates one hit.

Mediterranean. Two M.T.Bs patrolled off Bardia last night on account of U-Boat working off the coast.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

TENACITY. Request you will arrange for TENACITY to be sailed to Iceland as relief for RESTIVE.
(C.C.R.T., 1400A/13 to C. in C. W.A.)

Iceland imports. Proposed restriction during November and December with a resultant saving of 25 (?berth days) during this overcrowded period. Your ruling requested. (Iceland Force, 1600/13 to War Office).

13th M/S Flotilla. Request you will sail 13th M.S.F. to Harwich as relief for 4th M.S.F. required elsewhere.
(A.C.N.S.H., 2013A/13 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Co-operation with U.S.A.

Archangel. Request you will inform American authorities that maximum acceptable draught of ships for Archangel is 22 feet in Fresh water.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1631A/13 to B.A.D. Washington)

Co-operation with Russia.

Russian Torpedoes for U.K. In referring to Q.Z.R. one C. in C. Northern Fleet has asked if arrangements may be made to ship 20 Soviet submarine torpedoes complete to U.K. to be available for Soviet submarines in the event of proceeding U.K.
Request information if torpedoes could be embarked in a ship of a Q.P. Convoy at Archangel and where these torpedoes would be stored in U.K.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 1329C/13 to Admty).

S.B.N.O. Archangel. Act. Capt. Maund appointed. Your 1859A/12. An officer is being appointed as S.B.N.O. Archangel. (Head of M. 1530A/13 to C. in C. H.F.)
Your 0952/9 and Admty 2328/11. Acting Capt. G.O. Maund, D.S.O., R.N. ret. appointed S.B.N.O. Archangel to date 18/10. Officer leaves first available opportunity after that date. (2nd S.L., 1733A/13 to Ad. Miles).

Murmansk. Golikov says information regarding capacity of Murmansk for (?handling) supplies not yet available. Main outstanding question regarding Murmansk is capacity of the new railway connecting with the Archangel-Vologda Railway. I am asking our people at Murmansk and Archangel to make enquiries urgently locally and will let you know result.
(Mil. Mission, Moscow, 2317/13 to War Office).

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Movements.

INDOMITABLE.

Sailed INDOMITABLE to embark Squadron in Clyde Approaches anchoring at Lamlash tonight and tomorrow night. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0824A/13)
My 1617A/10. Propose to defer (?sailing) 1600/16. (INDOMITABLE, 2131A/13).
Admiralty 2320A/9. Request you sail INDOMITABLE for Bermuda to R/V 1600A/16 in 270° Oversay 6 miles routed as follows.
VERITY and BADSWORTH are to be sailed from Liverpool and are to refuel Londonderry.
BEVERLEY is to be sailed from Clyde speed of advance to position (B) 18 knots. Destroyers are to escort MENESTHEUS and AURANIA to U.K. on return journey. (C. in C. W.A., 2224A/13 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

L.27.

Route for L.27. (C. in C. W.A., 1049A/13) (Capt. S.7. 1501A/13).

CANTON.

Cancel my 1314A/12. I anticipate CANTON will leave Clyde 17/10.
(S.O.W.P. 1718A/13).

A.F.D.14.

A.F.D. XIV will be ready to leave Tyne on 18/10 for Scapa.
2. Tug EMPIRE HENCHMAN will carry out the towage and is due Tyne about 14/10.
3. Speed is not expected to exceed 4 knots.
4. Dock has been degaussed but should not be considered safe from Ground Magnetic Mines in less than 12 fathoms.
5. C. in C. Rosyth is requested to sail dock and arrange with A.C.O.S. for necessary sweeping A/A and A/S protection.
(A.C.N.S. H., 1724A/13).
A.F.D. XIV in tow of tugs will be ready to leave Tyne for Scapa on 18/10. Consider she should have at least two escorting vessels.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1800/13 to C. in C. Rosyth).

ROMNEY.

Following programme for completion and trials has been arranged. (Dockyard, Portsmouth 1930/13).

4th M/S Flotilla.

Request you will sail 4th M.S.F. to Scapa with moderate despatch, completing with coal at Aberdeen. (A.C.N.S. H., 2020A/13).
Available ships of 4th M.S.F. are to leave Harwich for Scapa at 1200 tomorrow calling at Aberdeen for coal. Route. SELKIRK is to R/V with M.S.4 at H.3 Buoy at 0200/15. (C. in C. Nore, 2340A/13)

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Operations.

Lights off Lizard.

M.L. 181 and 184 leave The Lizard about 0130 to investigate lights seen 180°. The Lizard 20 miles at 2145. Aircraft investigating may drop flares. (C. in C. Plymouth, 0028/13 to UNA).

Convoy F.N.31
ROY
(Norwegian
1768 tons)
CHEVINGTON
(British,
1537 tons)
sunk.

ROY and CHEVINGTON torpedoed and sunk. Malin Launch 145 is landing 26 survivors at Grimsby, one injured. (WIDGEON, 0131A/13).
E-boats at 0130 bearing position G have stopped engines. (C. in C. Nore, 0153A/13).
Departure KROOMAN at 0215 to assistance of ship torpedoed vicinity 57A buoy.
(F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 0220A/13).
My 0231. Enemy retiring 105°. Two believed damaged. (MENDIP, 0236/13).
M.L. 145 with 3 survivors reports ships both sunk. WIDGEON and LADY PHILOMENA were both standing by, Motor Launch 145 proceeding Immingham, 1 survivor injured.
(WESTMINSTER, 0250A/13).
One Aircraft with M.G.Bs. and M.Ls. searching for damaged E-boat eastwards 5 Buoy daylight.
(C. in C. Nore, 0455A/13 to MENDIP, etc).
E-boat attack on F.N.31 about midnight 12/13, in vicinity 56B buoy.
CHEVINGTON and ROY were torpedoed and sank.
Ten survivors from CHEVINGTON and 18 from ROY landed at Humber. 9 missing from CHEVINGTON and 4 from ROY.
E-boats were heavily engaged by destroyers and driven off to eastward. WORCESTER reports that at least three were damaged and one may have sunk.
Later at 0230 MENDIP with F.S.18 reported three E-boats Eastward of No.5 buoy.
These were engaged and retired on course 105°.
Two are thought to be damaged. No attack made on F.S. Convoy. Endeavour was made to intercept with M.G.B's 61, 58, and 63 from Brown Ridge but no contact was made.
Search at daylight by air and coastal forces failed to locate any damaged boats.
(C; in C. Nore, 1330A/13).
18 crew including 2 D.E.M.S. of ROY landed Grimsby by M.Ls. 145 and 150. One man injured four believed missing. Also landed 10 crew of CHEVINGTON, 9 men believed missing including 2 D.E.M.S. ratings. (F.O. Humber, 1505A/13).

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Convoy F.N.31 ROY (Norwegian 1768 tons) CHEVINGTON (British 1537 tons) sunk. Contd.

My 1330A/13. Later reports show M.G.Bs. 323 and 313 on Patrol along Leman Bank sighted two E-boats by light of flares dropped by own Aircraft at about midnight. They were unable to engage first E-boat, but engaged second for about 15 minutes at ranges from 1500 to 1000 yards, E-boat escaping due to superior speed. 60 rounds Pom-Pom and 800 rounds 5" fired, both M.G.Bs. claiming hits. E-boat being apparently surprised only firing one short burst in reply.
No damage or casualties reported in M.G.Bs. (C. in C. Nore, 1700A/13)
Position of wrecks. ROY 52° 59' 40" N., 1° 51' 11" E. CHEVINGTON 53° 0' 20" N., 1° 50' 22" E. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 2152A/13).
Arrival M.T.Bs. 34 and 31 at 0800, M.G.Bs. 58 61 63 at 0907. (F.O.I.C Harwich, 0930A/13).

Cable laying in Irish waters.

Cancel my 1052A/13. It is confirmed that escorts are to return to base while MARIE LOUISE MACKAY is operating in Irish Territorial waters in accordance with Admty 1835A/29 para. 2 (B). Whole escort will be required when MARIE LOUISE MACKAY is operating in the Atlantic in accordance with Admiralty 1106A/2/9. (C. in C. W.A., 2312A/13).

British Air Activity.

Patrols.

P.R.U. of Oslo, Horten, Kristiansand, and Stavanger now being flown.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1104/13).

Bombing operations. 2 M/Vs believed hit.

On 12/10 one 5000 ton Tanker and one 6000 ton M/V were believed hit by Bomb 15 miles S.W. of Ijmuiden; and during Night 12/13 Bremen, Boulogne, Cuxhaven, Dunkirk and the docks at Ostend were bombed. (H.Q.B.C., 1850/13).

Escort.

Escort of coastal Blenheim fighters will meet you in 49° 26' N., 06° 17' W., at 0730/14 Report by 0600 if this position will be incorrect. Search to be abandoned to pass through this position at 0730 at latest. (C. in C. Plymouth, 2342/13 to CLEVELAND).

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Enemy Air Activity.

ANDRE MONIQUE (A/P Trawler) attacked.

ANDRE MONIQUE reports being attacked by enemy aircraft near S.G.3 buoy at about 0200/13. One casualty. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1040A/13).

Mining.

Humber.

My 0015/11 Add following 3 Mines detonated on 10/10. Details. (F.O. Humber, 0840A/13).

Sweep off Dover.

Sweeping carried out to 0800/13 by S.A. and LL Trawlers. Q.Z.S. 191 and in Q.Z.S.190 and 269 between Dumpton and Dover. Negative result. By Oropesa and S.A. Trawlers Q.Z.S. 238 and convoy route as in my 1931A/5 in progress. (V.A. Dover 1152A/13).

Sheerness Minefield.

Admty T.O. 6090/41 of 15/9. Laying of Minefield off Sheerness completed. (Cdre. Sheerness, 1201A/13).

Operation H.G.

Arrived MANXMAN, WELSHMAN. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1228/13).
A.M.1200A/9. It is intended to lay mines in area between positions:-
A. 47° 40' N., 03° 40' W.
B. 47° 20' N., 03° 35' W.
C. 47° 32' N., 04° 05' W.
Operation to be carried out on night 17/18 or as soon after as practicable.
2. Request your remarks on:-
1. Navigational aspect.
2. Ships acting in company.
3. On completion of minelaying a round up of French fishing craft is contemplated.
4. No escort will be provided.
5. Short title for operation will be H.G.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1352/13 to WELSHMAN, MANXMAN).
Intend to sail WELSHMAN and MANXMAN in company for Plymouth 0845A/14. E.T.A. point of arrival 1700A/14. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1530A/13)

/Your.....

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Mining.

Operation H.G. contd.

Your 1352/13. Navigation problem is not difficult using taut wire measuring gear at maximum of 28 knots during approach and making use of echo sounding. But weather must be good (?formerly).
Ships should proceed in company into area and then part each laying in a separate portion and retire independently.
It is considered that hours of darkness are only just long enough for laying and it is not possible to round up fishing vessels and make a satisfactory offing by daylight. It is reiterated that weather must be good or vessels will not be able to make speed required throughout. Specisl (?weather) forecasts and (?spare) nights will be required.
(WELSHMAN, 1536A/13 to C. in C. Plymouth).

Thames Estuary.

One magnetic mine detonated at 0734/13 in 326° E Spile Buoy 7 cables. (Capt. M/S Sheerness, 1230/13).

S.N.24 B. and D.F. 2.

Sailed PORT QUEBEC and LANCASTER.
(N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1858/13).

4th M/S Flotilla Clearing Operation.

My 2020A/13. 4th M.S.F. is being sailed to Scapa ready to clear a gap in British minefield to northwest of Faeroes Islands when C. in C. H.F. desires. Collier S.S. LAKELAND is being sailed to Scapa to accompany flotilla to Faeroes. Request you will provide the necessary dan layers, and conduct the operation.
(A.C.N.S. H., 2053A/13).

Enemy Intelligence.

Cruiser in The Sound.

Cruiser believed LEIPZIG class heavily camouflaged, passed Helsingborg going north 1050 today.
(B. Consul, Goteborg, 1235/13).
O.I.C. Comment. This source is frequently mistaken as to class of ship sighted. If true, the cruiser was probably proceeding to Horten or Oslo.

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Casualties & Defects.

FRANCOIS TIXIER. — Tug SCHELDE sailed 2100/12 to assist FRANCOIS TIXIER with engine defects in 260° St. Annes Head. 3½ miles. Vessel towed into Milford Haven and anchored 2320/12. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 0036A/13).

WARKWORTH (collision 10/10). — Your 2331/12. Requested to inform you for last 24 hours wind has been southwest to west strong to gale in vicinity WARKWORTH. Could plane (?be) sent. (NORTHERN GEM, 0315/13 to A.C.I.C.)
Now in company with THIRLMERE, SALVONIA. Still searching. (NORTHERN GEM, 1238A/13).
From nature of damage consider WARKWORTH has sunk during South West gale. Propose NORTHERN GEM proceed to join H.X.153 forthwith. (MALCOLM, 1812A/13).
MALCOLM 1812A/13. If no attempt WARKWORTH proceed join H.X.153. (C. in C. W.A., 2149B/13 to NORTHERN GEM).

LADY ELSA. — Oscillator training shaft bent 45° and dome fractured. Unable to slip vessel here owing to projection of dome. Intend sailing her to U.K. tomorrow escorting fish Carriers EGRET and NARVA 8 knots. (A.C.I.C., 1716/13 to C. in C. W.A.)

SHERWOOD. — SHERWOOD is returning to Iceland for repairs as she is leaking badly forward through broken scuttle and ventilator and has three feet of water in asdic compartment. Considered she is unfit to remain at sea. (HIGHLANDER 1730Z/13).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. — Admiralty 2202/9 Para IV. De-ammunitioning and ammunitioning to reduce draught for docking would each take not less than 4 days. This will mean that the ship will be out of action for nearly 12 days, allowing 4 days for bottom cleaning.
(F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 1842/13).

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Shipping & Convoys.

P.Q.2. A.C.O.S. 1152A/12 time of sailing from Liverpool is dependent on tide for Manchester ship canal and cannot be made earlier. Convoy P.Q.2 cannot therefore arrive in daylight /15.
2. My 1414A/11 para 1. For 9½ knots read 8½ knots. Para 2 for 0900A/14 read 1100A/14. Para 3 for 9 knots read 7½ knots. E.T.A. Scapa 0730A/16. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1031A/13).
A.M.2346A/5 para. 6. NORFOLK is detailed as ocean escort.
R.A.D.H.F. is requested to detail 2 destroyers and pass to them relevant signal.
Destroyers are to leave convoy in position (a) and proceed Seidis Fjord to refuel, subsequently rejoin in approx. position (b).
(C. in C. H.F., 1929A/13).

Reporting of Convoy positions. It has been decided that the importance of maintaining accurate plots of convoy positions on which diversions are based is greater than that of maintaining W/T silence.
2. S.O's of Escorts are therefore to report the P.C. and S. of their Convoy, local weather and escorts or merchant ships absent, whenever the position of the Convoy as signalled in the daily situation report is more than 40 miles in error.
3. This report is only to be made on the appropriate H/F wave and only transmitted between 2000 and 0200 G.M.T.
4. Cypher is to be used.
5. Transmitting ship need not leave the Convoy to pass message. (A.C.N.S.T., 1149A/13).

Sailings. Forecast of convoy sailings.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1201/13) See Lion Copy.

CANTON
O.S.9. CANTON sailing with O.S.9 is cancelled. Defects in condition are to be made good and it is hoped this work will be completed by 17th and CANTON sailed with convoy C.T.4 leaving U.K. on 17/10. (S.O.W.P., 1440A/13 to CANTON)

H.X.154. Amend route as follows.
(Opnav, 1445Z/13).

O.N.24. Change route as follows.
(Opnav, 1459Z/13).

/S.C.....

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S.C.49. Change route as follows.
(U.S. Chief of N.Operations 1501/13).

P.Q.3. Your 0958/12. Date of sailing for this convoy given in A.M.2320/5 as 22/10 is intended as date of sailing from U.K. not Hvalfiord.
3. It is not anticipated that trawlers referred to in A.M.1710/7 and A.M.1902/10 will be ready before end of October. (A.C.N.S. H., 1711A/13 to C. in C. H.F.)

O.S.9. Intend sailing ANTWERP, MALINES, BRIGAND with O.S.9 in accordance with A.M.2133A/12/9.
-(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1845/13).

S.C.48 Amend route as follows.
(U.S. Chief of N. Operations 2128/13).

S.C.49. Amend route as follows. (U.S. Chief of N. Operations 2223/13).

H.X.154 Change route as follows. (Opnav, 2235Z/13).

F.S.19. TAKU has defect in one engine. Am proceeding in company with her but detached from convoy. My position 62 B buoy speed 7½ knots.
(COTTESMORE, 2250A/13).

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O.G. 75. — Long range aircraft are in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 1012A/13 to Escorts to Convoy O.G. 75)

Swordfish to attack U-Boats. — 4 U-Boats reported vicinity O.G. 75 noon position 035° 45' N., 006° 55' W. Course 80°.
Send squadron of Swordfish to (? attack)
(S.O. Force H., 1047A/13 to ARK ROYAL)
Your 1047A/13. Am sending 4 Swordfish and 4 Fulmars. Am closing to Gibraltar.
(ARK ROYAL 1155A/13 to S.O. Force H.)
4 Swordfish, 4 Fulmar. E.T.A. convoy 1330.
(ARK ROYAL, 1220A/13 to S.O. Force H.)
My 1155A. Relief patrol E.T.A. convoy 1445.
(ARK ROYAL, 1325A/13 to S.O. Force H.)
To release (? destroyers) should ARK ROYAL return to harbour as soon sortie now out returns? 1400 sortie to go North front.
(ARK ROYAL 1332A/13 to S.O. Force H.)

O.24. — Make full use of sink at sight area when returning Do not cross parallel of 039° N., before 1200A/19
(F.O.C.N.A. 1138A/13 to S/M O.24.)

Gibraltar defence against 2-men S/M's. — Reply to Admty. 2222A/7. (F.O.C.N.A. 1202A/13 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.

MIRROR — Following programme for C/S MIRROR has been agreed with Cable and Wireless.
Request programme be executed at your discretion escort being provided as necessary. (Programme includes cutting of French Casablanca-Dakar cable northward of Canaries.)
(D.S.D. 1226A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)

BURRA — My 2130/12 permission has been granted for BURRA remaining until 1000/16 to renew port fire box. Casting is being made locally.
(R.O. Horta, 1308/13 to Admty.)

LOCH OSKAIG Attacked by aircraft. — Enemy bombing in 38° 15' N., 9° 59' W.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 1430/13 to Gibraltar W/T)
Attacked by enemy A/C First Lieutenant seriously wounded. (LOCH OSKAIG, 1442/13, to F.O.C.N.A.)

/My 1430.....

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LOCH OSKAIG attacked by aircraft -Contd.

My 1430 and my 1442, attacked by Fock Wulfe, 038° 15' N., 009° 59' W. 3 seriously wounded, 4 wounded, ship's superstructure badly damaged. (LOCH OSKAIG, 1515/13, to F.O.C.N.A.)
(F.O.C.N.A., 2314A/13 to Admty.)
My 1442. First Lieut. abdominal wound (?request) permission to obtain medical assistance in (? Lisbon). (LOCH OSKAIG, 1545/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Your 1545/13. Approved to proceed Lisbon.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1651A/13 to LOCH OSKAIG)
Your 1545/13 and my 1630. Proceeding Gibraltar position 1800 270 P.C.L. one course territorial waters to Santa Maria thence 120°. 10 knots. Request medical assistance be sent for First Lieut. (LOCH OSKAIG, 1830A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1715, taken course from Espichel 205°, speed approx. 9 knots.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 1835A/13, to F.O.C.N.A.)
Position 1930, 038° 10' N., 009° 09' W. 176° to Vincent and thence to Gibraltar 110° 10 knots.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 1935A/13, to F.O.C.N.A.)

ALOUETTE

Assume Y patrol forthwith. Decode 1659A/12 addressed LOCH OSKAIG.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1543A/13 to ALOUETTE)

M/V's believed attacked by A/C.

Six stationary merchant vessels sighted at 1000/12 in 41° 43' N., 8° 58' W. At 1400/12 ships were flown over by aeroplane on N.E. course and gunfire heard.
At 0410/13 in approx. 36° 24' N., 9° 33' W. star shell and heavy gunfire. British resident Praia Pool Rocha confirms.
At 0708/13, submarine of unknown nationality steaming N.W. speed 10 knots sighted in 36° 53' N. 8° 50' W. Two Portuguese submarines sailed today for exercises Sezimbra Area until 17/10 (N.A. Lisbon, 1555/13 to Admty.) See also 2320A/13.)

Fuelling of STORK at Ponta Delgada

Your 1215/7. Please ensure fuelling at sea as 3 months have not elapsed since her last visit to Portuguese Port. See my 1235/8/8.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1619/13 to C. in C. S.A.)

LE TRAIT

Sighted French LE TRAIT leaving Lisbon in territorial waters Southbound.
(LOCH OSKAIG, 1715A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/Use of.....

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Use of Canary Islands. Your 1032A/11. Consider diplomatic action should be effective. Political situation favourable. (N.A. Madrid, 1742/13 to D.N.I.)

U-Boats seen by Spanish Tug. Master of Spanish tug GRAN CANARIA which sailed from Las Palmas 30/9 to search for crippled British SILVERBELLE reported on return to Las Palmas. (A) Sighted S/M 0540/2/10 approx. 27.05 N 19.55 W.(B) Sighted S/M a.m./6 close to Southern side Hierro Island. (C) Members military garrison Hierro Island informed.
(S.O.I. Gib., 1758A/13 to Admty.)

Force H Destroyers Leave Convoy at 2000 and return to Harbour.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1807A/13 to FORESIGHT, FURY, FORESTER.)

Fuelling at Canaries. Your 1032A/11. Spanish reaction was quick and favourable. They were slightly annoyed at VERVAIN's arrival because owing to inexperienced decyphering (?name) was given wrongly. They also most definitely want more notice. Otherwise they accept matter as normal.
But submit it would be mistake suggest we intend frequent bunkering. Better let each case appear as separate necessity and replenish bunkers stocks shell and ?cory as if there were no connection.
Spain will certainly notice infringement of article 20 of Hague Convention 13 1907.
(N.A. Madrid 1837/13 to Admty.)

P.31. My 1110A/12, departure P. 31.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1946A/13 to C. in C. Med.)

NINA intercepted N.A. Lisbons 1555/13. ALOUETTE reports having chased and boarded NINA in vicinity of Vianna Do Castello on 11/10. Lisbon's 1730/13/9 to M.E.W. refers (N.T. in W.D.) NINA being sent in.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2320A/13 to Admty.

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Gunfire reported by BROOMDALE 12/10.

Following received from R.A.S.A.D. British ship when 18° S., 37° 44' W. reported hearing gunfire at 1245Z/12 BIRMINGHAM with two corvettes and BULOLO are investigating.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 0027Z/13 to Opnav)

PANTELIS

Overdue shipping, cancel my 0845/7. Greek PANTELIS arrived Capetown.
(S.O.I. Capetown, 0915B/13 to Admty.)

ASTURIAS BULOLO

Your 1502Q/11. Request ASTURIAS be sailed for K. 32. R/V with BULOLO will be arranged later. Request following urgently required stores may be shipped in ASTURIAS for BIRMINGHAM. Request you ensure ASTURIAS is equipped for fuelling Corvettes, trough method, before sailing.
(R.A.S.A.D. 1133Z/13 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Shipping Diversions.

Your 1150A/10. Part 1. All diversions are repeated to Admiralty so no doubt should arise whether correct instructions have been given. Plotting Section here has been increased recently and machinery for diverting is now considered adequate. Agree that general instructions for drastic changes of route should be given by Admiralty.
Part. 2. Concur C. in C. will divert all ships bound to and from West African Ports whatever their point of departure or destination.
(C. in C. S.A., 1135N/13 to Admty.)

Cape Verde Islands, use by U/B's S.L. 90.

My 1301 and my 1305/11. In view of F.O.C.N.A's 1018/12 Admty. 1924/12, S.O. Force 'H''s 2319/12 (?because of) low serviceability of C/R Squadron in West Africa will have to defer intended operation for about 10 days.
GURKHA and ISAAC SWEERS will be sailed as independent escort of S.L. 90 leaving Freetown 16/10.(C. in C. S.A., 1307N/13 to Admty.)

/A/C State.....

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Aircraft State. 95, 200 204 Sqdns.

State of aircraft of G.R. Squadrons today 13/10. Freetown, 95 Squadron (Sunderland) One available, 2 unserviceable major overhaul in U.K., one unserviceable at Bathurst. Bathurst, 204 Squadron (Sunderland). 2 available, 4 unserviceable.Bathurst 200., Squadron (Hudson). 2 available, 7 unservice able. While escorting O.S. 7 and S.L. 89 one Sunderland force-landed off Dakar but got back to Bathurst undamaged. One Hudson force-landed 120 miles from Bathurst, crew saved by VIMY after 40 hours in a rubber dinghy.
(C. in C. S.A., 1357N/13 to Admty.)

AUSTRALIA Escort of Monster liners.

Your 0758/11. MAURETANIA will normally return to Durban about 1/11. Docking is very desirable and could be arranged during first fortnight in November. NIEUW AMSTERDAM repairs and docking should be completed about 1/11. ILE DE FRANCE date of completion uncertain but will not be ready until early December. NIEUW AMSTERDAM probably and MAURETANIA possible could be sailed with Convoy W.S. 12 is (?if) considered desirable. Alternatively former could accompany W.S. 12 and latter carry out repairs and docking and await readiness of AUSTRALIA as escort after 14/11. Request D. of S.T's wishes regarding docking of MAURETANIA and that C. in C. E.I. will indicate which of above he prefers.
(F.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1626B/13 to C. in C. E.I.)
Reply. C. in C. E.I., 0802Z/15)

BATNA defects

BATNA, MERCHANT ROYAL, S.L. 89, unable maintain convoy speed due foulness. Now at Bathurst. Former has broken cam shaft in addition which repair completion time indefinite. If you require these ships proceed U.K. please indicate port. (M.W.T.R., Freetown, 1640N/13 to D. of S.T.

SVITHIOD

Overdue shipping SVITHIOD due Santos 8/10 from Talara has not arrived.
(S.O.I. Montevideo, 1747Z/13 to Admty.)

JUMNA

Your 1525Z E.T.A. noon G.M.T/16.
(JUMNA, 1921A/13 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown.)

/BIRMINGHAM.....

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BIRMINGHAM
LAVENDER
BERGOMOT
BULOLO

BIRMINGHAM, LAVENDER and BERGOMOT patrolling focal area round Abrolhos. BULOLO in K. 32 (C) and (D) and L. 32 (A) and (B), refuelling Montevideo, 22/10.
(R.A.S.A.D., 1933/13 to C. in C. S.A.)

Italian Ships Bought by Argentine.

The "Carriere Mercantile" of 20/9 publishes following list of names of Italian steamers bought by the Argentine:-

PRINCIPESSA MARIA	=	RIO DE LA PLATA
AMABILITAS	=	RIO BERMEJO
CASTELBIANCO	=	RIO CHUBUT
CAPO ROSA	=	RIO DULCE
GIANFRANCO	=	RIO SALADO
MONTE SANTO	=	RIO COLORADO
TESEO	=	RIO CORRIENTES
VALDARNO	=	RIO NEUQUEN
CERVINO	=	RIO PRIMERO
DANTE	=	RIO SEGUNE
FORTUNASTELLA	=	RIO TECERE
INES CORRADO	=	RIO DIAMANTE
MARIASTELLA	=	RIO ATUEL
PELORUM	=	RIO CHICO
VITTORIO VENETO	=	RIO GUALEGUAY
VOLUNTAS	=	RIO TEUCE

(D.S., 769, 13/10.)

WRESTLER defects. VELOX refit.

My 1141/9 and F.O.C.N.A's 1844/10 WRESTLER has developed excessive vibration probably due to wear of bracket bushes. As Destroyers cannot be docked at Gibraltar intend to sail WRESTLER for docking and refit in U.K. when WILD SWAN arrives Freetown and VELOX to U.K. for refit when WIVERN or BOREAS return to S.A. Station.
(C. in C. S.A., 2010N/13 to Admty.)

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Mediterranean.

B.S. 1. and enemy A/C.

If a further sighting by enemy aircraft appears imminent request you will make a short (?strike) to westward to deceive him.
(C. in C. Med., 0923B/13 to B.S. 1.)
Fighter protection is being sent L.B.E. E.T.A. 1030 code word "Banco". (130 Sqdn. 0945/13 to QUEEN ELIZABETH)
1 Beaufighter being sent to assistance of "Banco" E.T.A. 1130. (130 Sqdn., 1000/13 to QUEEN ELIZABETH)

KURKULUS

Turkish SS KURKULUS with Red Cross relief stores for Greece leaves Dardanelles 1500/14. (route) Ship will return by same route leaving Piraeus 20th or 21st/10. Is not to be molested.
(C. in C. Med., 1028B/13)

Enemy Fleet

P. C. and S. of enemy, 6 destroyers 3 cruisers, 38.11 N., 18.26 E. 336° 15 knots.
(A/C S.H.S.A. 1044/13 to Med. R.A.F. Station, Capt. S. 1., 1419B/13 to TORBAY)

Air R/C

My 2124B/12. Revert to normal R/C.
(C. in C. Med. 1107B/13, to V.A. Malta)

Benghasi, Bardia bombed.

Western Desert night 11/12 4 Wellingtons bombed Benghasi harbour starting large fire on Cathedral Mole. Further 1 Wellington attacked Gazala bombs falling on south landing ground. 10 Blenheims attacking in 2 waves at 20 minutes interval bombed M.T. workshops Bardia. 1 Blenheim attacked Bardia jetty bombs falling in water. Day 12/10. 7 R/C sorties Cyrenaica and for enemy shipping in Eastern Mediterranean. A Beaufort attacked enemy submarine about 100 miles north of Ravenna without visible results.
(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1116/13.)

U-Boat attacked.

VENDETTA

Intend to sail VENDETTA for Singapore on completion of boiler cleaning 19/10 R.A. (D) Med. report proposed programme.
(C. in C. Med., 1123B/13 to Admty.)

/DIDO.....

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DIDO — Your 1732A/10 para. 4. In view of shortage of cruisers in Mediterranean and ample opportunities working up which long passage allows, request working up period at Bermuda be reduced as much as possible.
(C. in C. Med., 1137B/13 to Admty.)

Fulmars — Request I may be informed of future policy regarding retention of Fulmars in Malta.
(V.A. Malta, 1153A/13 to C. in C. Med.)

FRONSAC (French) — Departure 12/10.
(Barcelona, 1215/13 to M. of W.T.)

Turkey — For Adm. Kelly, your 1237/11 to Admiralty (N.T. in W.D.) I agree with your suggestions. I will send up suitable officers to assist in bringing ships down if required. Request N.A. will inform me of his requirements in this respect.
(C. in C. Med., 1327B/13 to N.A. Angora.)

Air Attack on B.S. 1. — Have been attacked by 2 torpedo bombers in 31.25 N., 29.15 E.
(B.S. 1., 1345/13 to Alexandria W/T)
My 1345. 3 aircraft attacked 3 torpedoes fired. No hits. Aircraft withdrew to the northward.
(B.S. 1., 1359/13 to Alexandria W/T.)
Three torpedo bomber aircraft attacked the battlefleet at 1345/13. (position) No hits and no machines shot down.
(C. in C. Med., 2030B/13 to Admty.)

TRUSTY
THORN
THRASHER
REGENT — Request you will sail TRUSTY to relieve THORN in area P, arriving a.m./20. TRUSTY will be (? ordered to) Alexandria to leave her area p.m./24. and arrive a.m. 29.
Request THRASHER may be sailed to relieve REGENT in area C. south of 032° 45' and East of 015° 00', arriving a.m./22. Intend recalling REGENT to Alexandria to arrive a.m./25 leaving her area p.m./21. THRASHER's patrol should be concentrated off Benghazi.
(Capt. S. 1. 1441B/13 to Capt. S. 10.)

/S/M. Report.....

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S/M Report. Our A/C report sighting S/M 70 miles North of Port (Puerto Simon) at 0920/13. S/M dived. (N.L.O. 204 Group, 1645B/13 to C. in C. Med.)

Tripoli bombed. Night 12/13.
7 Wellingtons stood by to attack shipping but on no sighting attacked Tripoli Harbour, 2325-0045 hours. Many hits observed Spanish Fort and Arab quarters. Many bombs aimed at 3 large ships centre harbour also others Spanish Fort Mole. (Malta, 1751/13).

Mine Float Recovered. A small spherical float 1' 9" in diameter has been picked up off Malta. This float is fitted with 12 copper spikes round its circumference and one on top. All spikes are interconnected and connect to a cabtyre copper wire hanging from the float. This is probably the float of an antenna mine. (V.A. Malta, 1757A/13 to C. in C. Med.)

Air Operations. Third part of my I.179 13/10.
60 Miles N.W. Tripoli. 8 Swordfish took off in heavy thunderstorm to attack convoy Pantellaria area (see part 2) returned with torpedoes owing to electrical disturbances in leaders aircraft. 1 Fulmar went out twice for Castelvetrano aerodrome but returned each time with instrument defects. (Malta 1759/13).

GALILEA renamed ESPERIA. C.O. report states since the sinking of Italian ESPERIA, on 20/8, her name has been given to Italian GALILEA, 8040 tons. May have been done to avoid confusion with German GALILEA, 1927 tons, which is in an Italian port. (D.S.769)

Turkey. From Adm. Kelly. (N.A. Angora 1812B/13)
See Lion Copy.

Minesweeping Craft. Numbers and commitments. Reply to Admty. 1310A/12. (N.T. in W.D.) (C. in C. Med., 1837B/13) See Lion Copy.

HANS SCHMIDT. German steamer probably "HANS SCHMIDT" has arrived Magarron from Garrucha to load iron ore. Probable date of completion 16/10, Marseilles. (Cartagena 1920/13).

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Red. Sea.

Your 1226/12 para. 4 (Movements between anchorages and Suez and Southern Red Sea ports will be ordered by S.N.O. Red Sea - no copy in W.D.) Propose commence ordering movements at 0001B/18. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal 2034/B/13 to C. in C. Med.)

STRUMA.

Motor (?trawler) STRUMA believed to have left Constanza 8/10 with illegal Jewish immigrants. Ship is converted yacht of about 200 tons fitted to take large number of passengers. If sighted such steps as are possible should be taken to turn ship back so she does not succeed in getting close to Palestine Coast. (C. in C. Med. 2116B/14 to Ships Med. Fleet).

Turkey, Shipping evacuation.

M.E.W. in their Arfar No 344 td Consul General Istanbul, only, instructed Walton, representative of Geeland Company to prepare plans in consultation with Naval authorities:-
(a) for withdrawing southwards to Beirut or Alexandria any of the company's vessels free to be moved:
(b) for sinking all the company's vessels should a sudden emergency arise necessitating this action.
2. Request you advise Walton, reporting to C. in C. Med. as necessary. (Md. of M. 2305A/13 to S.O.I. Istanbul, N.A. Angora).

Axis and Libya.

D.M.I. from Macfarlane. Golikov states Russians have information of four more Italian divisions being prepared in Italy for action on the Russian front. Shipments of both German and Italian troops and munitions to Libya have latterly increased. Russians think the Axis are hurrying to forestall any action of ours in Libya by attacking us there. (30 M.M. 2334/13 to W.O.)

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East Indies.

S.S. HOHENFELS. My 1456/8/9.
(1) Ex German HOHENFELS has been salved by KANIMBLA.
(2) HOHENFELS left Bandar Gulf 11/10 (11/10) for Karachi in tow of two tugs.
(C. in C. E.I. 0342Z/13 to Adty.)

MAURITIUS. Can MAURITIUS be taken in hand for (?docking) and refit at Singapore commencing first week in November?
(ii) Ship could escort ELLENGA and Singapore portion of W.S.11 X due at Singapore first week in November. (C. in C. E.I. 0624Z/13 to C. in C. China.)

DRAGON
TEVIOT BANK. Your 0858/11 and C. in C. South Atlantic 2029/11.
(i) Request you will sail DRAGON and TEVIOT BANK in company for Durban, Mauritius, and Colombo. Previous orders for TEVIOT BANK are cancelled.
(ii) DRAGON to report intended programme.
(C. in C. E.I. 0634Z/13 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown.)

China.

French Shipping. Arrival MARECHAL JOFFRE 12/10.
Departure 12th D'ARTAGNAN Shanghai 16th.
Departure 12th MARECHAL JOFFRE Haiphong 17th.
(Manila, 0623Z/13 to M. of W.T.)

Aerodromes for U.S. Forces. Ref. our X.632 5/10 (1604/5) and Australia telegram No.670, 11/10. Official discussions may now commence. (Air Ministry 1300/13 to C. in C. Far East.)

S.B.L.O. Singapore. Your 0451/26/9 and my 2259/5. Chancellor of Duchy indicates that his opinion will not be forthcoming until his general report is received. Matter must, therefore, be considered as being in abeyance till then. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1339A/13 to C. in C. China.)

/Progress ...

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China - contd.

Progress A.D.B. — Report by C. in C. Far East after visit to Manila. (C. in C. Far East, 1840/13 to W.O.)

America and West Indies.

BACINCIN PADRE. (Italian) — Departed 11th. Puerto Cabelle 14th. (Caripito 1100/13 to M. of W.T.)

S.C.50 — Western R/V position. (A) 046° 24' N. 052° 49' W. at 1700Z/19. TASK unit 4.1.13 composition will be signalled later. W S C junction position (B) 048° 07' N. 051° 10' W. at 1200Z/20. (C.C.N.F. 1146Z/13 to C. in C. -A.F. (U.S.) Admty.)

ASTURIAS. — My 15020/11 and C. in C. S.A. 1201N/12. ASTURIAS will not now be ready to leave Bermuda until 17/10. (C. in C. A.W.I., 11520/13 to R.A.S.A.D.)

AWATEA. PRINCE ROBERT. — Your 09420/11. Canadian N.A. is arranging fuelling in accordance with last para. of Admty. 1654A/10. Canadian ships fuelling in American ports will be dealt with by him in future. (B.A.D. 1203R/13 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

Tobago Light. — In response to several requests from Masters for the Tobago Light to be lit and in view of wreck on Emerald Shoal now dangerous to Navigation, I have given instructions for this Light to be shown. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 12050/13 to Admty.)

OTINA. — Your 1601/11 C. At request Mership, New York GBMS was made to OTINA 3/10 diverting ship to Curacao. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1456Z/13 to Adty.)

/DERWENTDALE ...

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America and West Indies - contd.

DERWENTDALE. R.F.A. DERWENTDALE carrying landing craft is due to sail from Trinidad about 17/10 for Simonstown and Eastern Med. 2. Request you will consider the provision of suitable escort where possible. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1550A/13 to C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C. S.A. etc.)
Admty. 1550A/13 being passed to you. Report anticipated date DERWENTDALE will sail and route. (C. in C. A.W.I. 2113Q/13 to N.O.I.C. Trinidad.)

POLYANTHUS. My 1058R/8 POLYANTHUS complete refit 16/10 and should be ready to sail the following day. (B.A.R.M. 1640R/13 to Admty.)

MEROPE (French) Arrival Cienfuegos 11th MEROPE, Vichy. (Habana, 1703/13 to M. of W.T.)

EKNA 111. Your 1337A/30/9 EKNA 111 due Father Point 6/10 has not arrived. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1946Z/13 to Adty.

New Zealand.

LE TRIOMPHANT. 11 hours late on my 1720W/9. (LE TRIOMPHANT 0855Y/13 to R.N.O. Suva.)

PRINCE ROBERT. AWATEA. C. in C. A.and W.I. 0942A/11. Onward route from Honolulu. Great Circle to 021° 30' N. 145° 00' E, thence via San Bernadino St. to Manila. (N.Z.N.B. 1455M/13 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Suspicious Ship. An unidentified large vessel was sighted by coast watch stations in N.W. Samoa at 0430Z/4 and by Niuafoou Island 375 miles N.E. of Suva Fiji at 0040Z/9. (Description) Graded B.3. Air search from Fiji unsuccessful. C. in C. U.S.A. Pacific Fleet states no U.S.A. Auxiliaries or merchant shipping were in area. (S.O.I. Wellington, 1725M/13 to D.N.I. Melbourne.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

SVEND FOYN (torpedoed 7/10.

Your 1227/12. Approved subject to your being satisfied that one tug can manage SVEND FOYN. Request you will arrange escort and sailing. Port of repair will be communicated later. (C.C.R.T. 1401A/13 to A.C.I.C.)

CORTE REAL.

Portuguese steamer CORTE REAL torpedoed and sunk. (N.A. Lisbon 1849/13 to Gibraltar.) My 1849/13. CORTE REAL boarded by German submarine finally sunk by torpedo 80 miles west of Lisbon 1600/12. No Casualties. (N.A. Lisbon 2108/13 to Gibraltar.) Portuguese 2044 tons, Lisbon to Madeira and New York (D.S.766)

Submarines Reported.

(O.G.75) 0838Z 0853Z

D/F bearings at 0838Z/13 and 0853Z/13 indicate at least two U-boats in vicinity of the convoy, both making sighting reports. (D.D.I.C. 1018A/13 to Escorts of Convoy O.G.75, F.O.C.N.A.) 4 separate S/Ms have made sighting reports of O.G.75. (F.O.C.N.A. 1039A/13 to Escorts of O.G.75) Swordfish sent to attack by S.O. Force H. See North Atlantic 1047/13, etc. Grateful if on their arrival you would ascertain whether any of the destroyers on O.G.75 were able to search during daylight for U-boats which were threatening the convoy and if so whether any contacts were made and where. (C. in C. W.A. 1044A/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Estimated dispositions of U.Boats in Atlantic. (D.D.I.C. 1416A/13)

0708
0540/2
A.M./6

S/M in 36.53 N., 08.50 W. (N.A. Lisbon 1555/13) See N. Atlantic. S.O.I. Gibraltar 1758A/13. (see North Atlantic)

1945.

Periscope sighted 135 Trafalgar 12. (A/C D. 1945/13 to Gibraltar W/T.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C.

Am over enemy S/M in 45° 48' N. 8° 7' W. Enemy previously reported was on the surface 080 JO I.
(A/C using S6TI 0940/13 to 19 Group)
Have attacked with bombs, dive, no hits.
(A/C using call sign S6TI 0955/13 to 19 Group)
Submarine still on surface, request assistance.
(A/C using call sign S6TI 1015/13 to 19 Group)
Rudder believed damaged, sub-circling.
(A/C using call sign S6TI 1035/13 to 19 Group)
Am returning to base. Have lost touch with enemy S/M last seen in 45.52 N. 8.00 W. (?)
(A/C using call sign S6TI 1230/13 to 19 Group)
Enemy S/M previously reported was on the surface when last seen. (A/C using call sign S6TI 1305/13 to 19 Group)
U/B attacked and damaged in 45° 52' N. 08° 00' W. last seen circling on surface, original course and speed 080° 10 knots. Further aircraft proceeding to attack and shadow. Two enemy Destroyers at La Pallice. Proceed to R/V in position 180° Lizard 5' as arranged by CLEVELAND thence proceed towards Bishops Rock and as requisite to attack U/B.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1330/13 to ATHERSTONE.)
C. in C. Plymouth's 1330/13 para.4. R/V 1715/13.
(CLEVELAND 1500/13 to ATHERSTONE)
Cancel my 1330/13. CLEVELAND and ATHERSTONE are to patrol L 3 tonight, leaving patrol so as to arrive CLEVELAND at Falmouth. ATHERSTONE at Plymouth by 0900.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2052/13 to CLEVELAND)
Hudson A/C which attacked kept this U/B in sight until it had to return to base. Meanwhile a Catalina on patrol to the south was signalled to the position but failed to locate the U/B which was not seen again. (D.O.R. 14/10)

By A/C

Am over enemy S/M in 46.06 N., 10.33 W. Enemy submarine previously reported was on the surface, 290,6. (A/C using S6TR 0952/13 to 19 Group)
Have attacked with bombs, dive, one hit.
(A/C using call sign S6TR 0956/13 to 19 Group)

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SITUATION REPORT

Home Commands

Spitzbergen — Spitzbergen is to be visited by minesweepers returning from Archangel in order to see if there are any signs of occupation by the enemy or indication that he has reconnoitred certain harbours.

Kola Inlet — A/S nets have been placed off the Kola Inlet.

British Air Operations

Night Operations — Bomber Command aircraft attacked Boulogne docks last night. A Coastal Command aircraft attacked a convoy of 8 ships 20 miles N.E. of Lannion, and estimates a hit on a 4000 ton vessel.

Day Operations — Coastal Command aircraft carried out successful attacks on shipping off the coast of Norway today, two vessels being hit by bombs, one near missed and crew seen abandoning ship, and one hit by torpedo.

Fighter Command aircraft today set fire to a small ship off Gravelines and an escort vessel between Dieppe and St. Valery.

Mining

Operations S.N. 24 B, D.F. 2. — PORT QUEBEC and LANCASTER laid a minefeild and a dummy minefield west of the Hebrides.

8 Hampdens last night laid mines in the Frisian Ialands area, 2 in Kiel Harbour, one each in Flensburg Fiord and N.W. of Sylt.

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Mediterranean

Libya & Western Desert.

11 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi harbour last night. 6 Marylands bombed the harbour this afternoon.

Tobruk harbour was bombed last night, but only slight damage was caused.

U-Boat Campaign

FLEUR DE LYS Sunk

Corvette FLEUR DE LYS was torpedoed and sunk about 02½0 A today whilst on patrol in the Western Approaches to the Straits of Gibraltar. Very few survivors were picked up.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Co-operation with Russia.

Loading Officers. Russians would like to send 3 Officers to English Ports to assist us in loading Soviet ships. Do you agree. They also propose to send 4 to America. (Ad. Miles 12200/14 to Adty.)

Polyarno. My 19240/13. Stephanov will be under command of Golovko although senior to him. Consider Bevan should therefore remain Polyarno. (Ad. Miles 13140/14).

Bullion. Have embarked 10 tons gold bullion for U.K. (SUFFOLK 1521Z/14).

Kola Inlet A/S Defences. Anit-submarine nets have been placed in following positions. Details.
2. All vessels routed to these waters are to be informed accordingly, and warned that the information is secret. Masters of merchant vessels to be warned against marking the lines on charts. No Q.Z. message will be issued. (A.C.N.S. N. 1735A/14).
Action is being taken to warn shipping in the sense of your 22110/7. (D. of L.D. 1738A/14 to B.S.N.O. Murmansk).

White Sea Lights. The following system of lights in the White Sea has been arranged. Details. (Ad. Miles 18290/14).

Movements.

PETUNIA. Your 12052/13. Following is a repetition of my 0353/13, to A.C.I.(O). Your 1851/12. Consider that weather permitting Danish chart NR.11 obtained from ALGONA with British chart 276 obtained from R.A.F. will be adequate. My P.C. and S. 0400Z/13, 063° 40' N. 026° 15' W. 258°, 12.5. Ends. Present P.C. and S. 062° 36' N. 036° 10' W. 12 knots. (PETUNIA 0115Z/14 to A.C.I.C.)
Delayed by Westerly gale now moderating. E.T.A. Juliane Head 2000Z/15. (PETUNIA 2201Z/14 to A.C.I.C.)

/LAFOREY.....

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LAFOREY.
LIGHTNING.

It has been decided that two destroyers must accompany AURORA and PENELOPE to Malta. These are being detailed from Force H.
Request therefore you will sail LAFOREY and LIGHTNING as soon as practicable to replace those two ships in Force (H). (1st S.L. 1025A/14).
Request you will sail LAFOREY and LIGHTNING accordingly. (C. in C. H.F. 1414A/14 to R.A.D.)

EDINBURGH.

My 1930/12. Owing to a further defect having developed amend time that EDINBURGH will be ready to sail to 1800/16. (C.S.18 1145A/14 to C. in C. H.F.)
EDINBURGH is to sail from Clyde to arrive at Scapa A.M./17. (C. in C. H.F. 1207A/14 to C.S.18).

H.43.

At 2200A/15 intend to sail H.43 escorted by ALECTO from Rothesay through Sounds of Islay and Mull to arrive at Tobermory 1700A/16. N.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection. (Capt. S.7. 1152A/14);

VERITY.
BADSWORTH.

Intend sailing VERITY and BADSWORTH 1030A/15 to Londonderry to refuel speed 20 knots. Thence to comply with C. in C. W.A. 2224A/13. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1204A/14).

INDOMITABLE.

INDOMITABLE's 2131A/13. Concur. (A.C.N.S. H. 1234A/14).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN.

Admty's 2202A/9 and F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 1842/13. It is essential that ROYAL SOVEREIGN should be ready to sail with W.S. 12 (Z) on 7/11.
2. C. in C. H.F. is requested to sail ROYAL SOVEREIGN from Scapa in sufficient time for ship to be docked and ready to sail by that date. (V.C.N.S. 1248A/14).
Following has been received. Repeats F.O.I.C. Glasgow 1842/13. (V.C.N.S. 1253A/14 to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. W.A. etc.)
Intend sailing ROYAL SOVEREIGN escorted by BEDOUIN and ANTHONY for Scapa passing Little Cumbrae at 1330A/15. E.T.A. 1500A/16. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1604A/14).

/Minesweepers....

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Minesweepers to visit Spitzbergen.

SUFFOLK's 0658Z/12. If circumstances permit, the four minesweepers are to visit Spitzbergen during return passage. Ships should be detailed to visit Barentsberz, Gronfjord, and Longyearby, Adventfjord.
(ii) Object is to report any signs of occupation by the enemy or any indication that the enemy has reconnoitred these harbours.
(iii) Any shipping encountered during the visit is to be seized.
(iv) Return route through position (X) 070° N. 006° W. to Scapa, calling Seidisfjord for fuel if required. (C. in C. H.F. 1342A/14 to SUFFOLK, HARRIER).
My 1342A/14. Reference para. 6 of N.I.D. 00360 dated 10th October 1941. Request any further information may be communicated to HARRIER and SUFFOLK. (C. in C. H. F. 1344A/14 to Admty.)
C. in C. H.F. 1342A/14. Intend detaching SALAMANDER and HALCYON ? North of Bear Island to proceed to Seidis Fjord and carrying out visit with HARRIER and BRITOMART. (HARRIER 20300/14, 20310/14 to SUFFOLK).

SALVONIA. THIRLMERE.

Return to Reykjavik. (A.C.I.C. 1655/14 to SALVONIA, THIRLMERE).

9th M.S. Flotilla.

Your 1915/14. Intend sailing 9th M.S.F. to Portsmouth at 0700/15. E.T.A. Needles 1000. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to arrange air protection. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1955A/14).

BLANKNEY.

Proceed to Liverpool. (C. in C. W.A. 2222A/14 to BLANKNEY).

Operations.

HEDGEHOG trial. JUNON.

Your 1150A/11. JUNON detailed for HEDGEHOG trial in place of L.27. F.N.F.L. concurs. (F.O.S. 0929A/14 to Adty.)

Cable laying.

A.M. 1106A/2/9 and 1853A/26/9.
Intend to sail MARIE LOUISE MACKAY escorted by WOOLSTON. INDIAN STAR and STELLA POLARIS 1200A/15 north about to carry out following repairs to cables. (A) In position about 10 miles West Great Skellig. (B) In Irish Territorial Waters off Valencia. Escorts will remain in company during (A) returning to base on completion.
In the event of weather preventing operation (A) MARIE LOUISE MACKAY will shelter in Valencia and escorts will remain in vicinity until limit of prudent endurance. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1545A/14).

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British Air Activity.

Patrols. "Trost", "Stab", "Bert", "Stand" in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1131/14).

Operation "Kobo". Carry out operation "Kobo" by moonlight to-night with 2 A/C 59 Squadron as previously detailed. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1219/14 to H.Q.C.C.)

Operations "Rover". "Hoden". Carry out operation "Rover" tonight as previously detailed. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1222/14).
Agree cancel outer patrols of "Hoden". Reference CH/G9/14/10 carry out operation "Rover" with four A/C. (Chatham 1817/14).

Operation "Nomad". Carry out operation "Nomad" tonight with 2 A/C 500 Squadron as previously detailed. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1225/14).

Mining.

Flamborough Head. One Mine detonated at 1518/13 as follows. Details. (F.O. Humber 0450A/14).

N.L.7. Intend to carry out operation N.L. 7 tonight. (V.A. Dover 1034A/14).
My 1034/14. Postponed owing to weather. (V.A. Dover 1625A/14)

Q.K.3. My 1936A/12. Weather permitting carry out operation Q.K. (3) tonight. Alternative operations Q.K. (4), (9), (10).
Supporting force, one unit of 60' M.T.B.'s patrolling between Thornton Ridge and Flushing. M.T.B's may attack surface vessels east of 2° 30' without challenge but on return from their respective operations M.L's and M.T.B.'s are to use full recognition procedure. (C. in C. Nore 1042A/14 to BEEHIVE).
My 1042A/14. Operation postponed due to weather. (C. in C. Nore 1450A/14).

Bristol Channel. Exploded Red Mine at 1250/14 in 308° 2 miles from Flatholm Light. (Capt. M/S Bristol Channel 1615A/14).

S.N.24B. and D.F.2. Arrival PORT QUEBEC and LANCASTER. (N.O.I.C. Port Z.A. 1710/14).

Operation H.G. Arrived 1752 WELSHMAN, MANXMAN. (C. in C. Plymouth 1820/14).

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Enemy Intelligence.

Warships in Skaggerak on 12/10.

Swedish trawler believed to be in centre Skaggerak reports sighted on Oct. 12 number large German warships proceeding westward. Graded C.4. (N.A. Stockholm 1804/14).

SAINT GUENOLE.

N.O.I.C. Appledore reports French Tunny fishing craft SAINT GUENOLE has been brought into Appledore Her story is that she lost her sail in a gale and could only run under storm sail, consequently she was blown into mouth of Bristol Channel. She was a cargo (?carrier). Security Officer is investigating and guard has been placed on board. (C. in C. Plymouth 1828/14).

Three Tankers.

Message No. 1. Tankers 3, dawn 11th and 14th, westbound 14000/14. Admty. 1116A received and understood. (TIGRIS 23590/14 to Adty. and P.32).

Navigational.

Proposed New Channel.

It is desired that Channel should be diverted clear of the 4 wrecks near 56 B. Buoy.
Propose New Channel should be on straight line joining 56 Buoy to 57B Buoy.
If approved, request 56A, 56.B 57 and 57A Buoys may be moved as soon as practicable and new Q.Z.8. issued when this is done. Lighted wreck buoy Q.Z.H. 698 will require moving to southwestward of wreck. (C. in C. Nore 1158A/14).

Scheme B. Light tonight only as follows. Details (Adty. 1549A/14 to A.C.O.S. etc.)

Technical.

AFD.14.

Your 1724/13. A.F.D. XIV very inefficient for purpose intended unless fitted with Three Ton Crane as request in my 1609/9/10. Request she may be so fitted before leaving Tyne.
(R.A. Scapa 0940/14 to Adty.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties and Defects.

HOLLYHOCK. — Cancel my 0154A/14. HOLLYHOCK returned with defects. (F.O. Greenock 0816A/14).

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. — My 1842/13 has been repeated to C. in C. H.F. and C. in C. W.A. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow 0938/14).

MACADAM. — My 0633/14. MACADAM entered Salcombe in leaking condition. (N.O.S.O. Dartmouth 1033/14).

INVERLANE explosion on 13/10. — Serious accident in blockship INVERLANE during fire fighting exercise on 13/10 involving death of 1 Officer and 4 ratings and serious injuries to 1 Officer and 3 ratings. Probable cause petrol explosion, but Board of Inquiry is being held todsy. NORFOLK and PROSERPINE are reporting details of casualties. (C. in C. H.F. 1120A/14).

JACQUES MORGAND. AR MOSCOUL. — Sailing R.T. GOLIATH to tow in H.M.T. JACQUES - MORGAND and Lugger AR MOSCOUL broken down in Q.Z.S. 180. (F.O.I.C. Falmouth 1421/14).

FORERUNNER sunk. — (L.L. Drifter) Sunk in collision with Dutch Tanker OCEANA at 1900 today. No casualties. Approx. position 295° No. 4 Sea Reach Buoy, one cable. Request Q.M.H. and that Drifter may be raised as early as practicable. (C. in C. Nore 2205A/14).

Shipping and Convoys.

BROADWATER and Convoy. — Owing to bad weather and slight damage BROADWATER speed has had to be reduced to 12 knots. It is estimated convoy will not be met until 2030Z/14. If considered desirable request HAVELOCK may be ordered to transmit on 375 Kc/s at 1830Z to assist making contact in the dark. Position 58° 18', 24° 40'. (HIGHLANDER 1045Z/14).

Atlantic Convoys. — Following received from "Cinclant" to "Comtask" for four "My serial 00228 of 10/10, delegating to you authority supervision and control or (?of) escort of convoy operations in Northern Western Atlantic area, effective noon G.C.T. 15/10. Last convoy for which escort units have already been arranged are H.X. 155 by 4.1.7, S.C. 49 by 4.1.16, O.N. 25 by either 4.1.14 or 4.1.5". Ends. (Opnav. 1447Z/14 to Info.)

/C.T.4.....

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C.T.4. — A.M. 1025A/14. If available in time it is requested that LAFOREY and LIGHTNING may be sailed as necessary to form part of A/S escort to convoy C.T.4, sailing from the Clyde p.m. 17th. (D.O.D. H. 1833A/14);

S.L. Convoys. — My 1656A/28/8 and A.M. 2350A/29/8. As local U.K. escort is very rarely available, request you will instruct S.L. convoys to proceed at best speed throughout. (C. in C. W.A.1859A/14 to C. in C. S.A.)

S.C.46. — Warmest congratulations on bringing your Convoy in without loss. (C. in C. W.A. 2002A/14 to Capt. F.H. Taylor, R.N.)

Q.P.1. — Request you will convey to the Masters of the Russian ships ex Q.P.1 the congratulations of the Commodore on their excellent station keeping during the passage from Archangel. (D.T.D. 2003A/14).

O.G. 77.
O.S. 12. — 1. Resulting from the extension of the Gibraltar convoy cycle following Sloops will be required for duty with O.G. and H.G. convoys. (A) BLACK SWAN and FOWEY are to join 37th Group and sail with O.G. 77 about 25/11. (B) STORK and DEPTFORD are to join 36th Group. STORK will be sailed from U.K. with O.S. 12 breaking off to join 36th Group at Gibraltar.
2. It is intended to reinforce escorts on O.G. and H.G. Convoys by Destroyers when they are available.
3. LEITH and ROCHESTER are to join Londonderry Sloop Division. (C. in C. W.A. 2338A/14).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

BURRA defect. BLACK SWAN 0001Z/14 (N.T. in W.D.) British Consul Horta reports permission granted for BURRA to remain at Fayal until 1000/16 to renew port fire box.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0342A/14 to C. in C.W.A.)

O.G.75. O.G.75. Lisbon section and SARASTONE arrived Lisbon. Remainder of convoy all arrived Gibraltar.
(V.A.C.N.A., 1021A/14, to Admty.)
It reflects great credit on you that Convoy O.G.75 has arrived unscathed.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1056A/14 to Cmdre., and escorts to O.G.75.

LOCH OSKAIG (bombed 13/10) Two long range aircraft are in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 1142A/14 to LOCH OSKAIG.)

DOMINE. Departure 14/10 DOMINE, Spanish, Teneriffe 22/10, DOMINE, Cape Creux, 2 French, 2 Italian, and 2 German passengers.
(Santa Isabel, Fernando Po, 1200/14 to D.of S.T.)

FLEUR DE LYS. Torpedoed and sank. (F.O.C.N.A. 1232A/14.)
See U/B Campaign.

CHRISTINE MARIE. When ready CHRISTINE MARIE should be sailed for Halifax being routed to keep South and West of 40° N., and 55° W. Should Master decide on passage to 55° W., ship incapable of maintaining 7½ knots speed through the water, he is to proceed by an alternative route supplied by you to Hampton Roads, informing N.S.H.Q., Ottawa via Camperdown W/T Station "proceeding America."
(D.T.D. 1900A/14 to N.C.S.O., Ponta Delgada.)

South Atlantic.

Risk of using R/T in Convoys. Reports show that Convoys are being imperilled by the promiscuous use of Radio Telephony on 2410 K/C per second by convoy escorts. Although the range of ships R/T transmitters on the convoy R/T Wave is normally limited to about 50 miles, cases have occurred of speech being intercepted at ranges between 600 and 1250 miles.
(2) Rules regarding wireless silence in General Signalling Instructions, articles 199 (H) and (I), are fully applicable to use of R/T on the convoy R/T waves except as detailed in

/S.A.C.I.....

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South Atlantic. Contd.

Risk of using R/T in Convoys. Contd.

S.A.C.I., appendix 1 para. 11, with reference to (B) thereof in line 1 delete "except when actually escorting ships" and in line 3 for "50 miles" substitute "20 miles".
(C. in C.S.A., 1032N/14 to S.A.Stn.)

Fuelling of STORK at Ponta Delgada.

Following from N.A. Lisbon. "Your 1215/7/10. Please ensure fuelling at sea. As 3 months have not elapsed since her last visit to Portuguese Port" (Ends). Hope you will be able to manage this.
(C. in C.S.A., 1114N/14 to WELLINGTON.)

Your 1201N/14. It is preferred to leave O.S.8 on its present route for the time being in case of further developments in the U-Boat situation.
(D.T.D. 2205A/14 to C. in C.S.A.)

MISOA Force Q.

MISOA is to form part of Force Q.
(C. in C.S.A., 1203N/14, to QUEEN EMMA.)

S.Africa Seaward Defence force.

Vessels available, proposed increase, request for whalecatchers or trawlers.
(F.O.I.C. Simonstown to Admty., 1303B/14.) Amended 1147B/15.
Sea Lion Copy.

DERWENTDALE ASTURIAS.

Admty., 1550/13. Suggest DERWENTDALE be sailed to meet ASTURIAS off Trinidad about 20/10. ASTURIAS then to escort by coastal route to about 015° S., where further arrangements will be made for escort if possible.
(C. in C.S.A., 1319N/14 to C. in C.A.W.I.)

BALTA DERBYSHIRE.

Capetown arrival BALTA. Capetown departure 1309Z/14 DERBYSHIRE. S. of A., 14 knots for patrol area in accordance with C. in C. South Atlantic's 1321/5. (N.T. in W.R.)
(N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1433Z/14 to C. in C.S.A.)

/S.L.90.....

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S.L.90. Escort. GURKHA and ISAAC SWEERS are to act as additional escort to convoy S.L.90 from time of leaving Freetown until 0600/17. Both ships are then to proceed to Bathurst to arrive before dawn/17 and complete with fuel sailing a.m./18 to rejoin convoy as early as possible p.m. the same day. Ships are to remain with the convoy until a.m./21, then proceed to Gibraltar passing East of Canaries adjusting speed to arrive a.m./24. Whilst with convoy S.L.90 GURKHA is to act as S.O. of escort. (C. in C.S.A., 1835N/14 to GURKHA, ISAAC SWEERS.

Troop Transport. Arrangements for personnel from South Africa to Mid East from end of October. (P.S.T.O., Simonstown, 1852B/14 to D. of S.T.) See Lion Copy.

SVITHIOD. Overdue shipping, my 1747/13 SVITHIOD arrived Santos. (S.O.I., Montevideo, 1943Z/14 to Admty.) My 1617N/8 (N.T. in W.D.) Amend. E.T.A., Simonstown to A.M./20. (C. in C.S.A., 2051N/14 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown.)

O.S.7. Convoy O.S.7. arrived. with MISOA, BRILLIANT, WOODRUFF, CLOVER, CYCLAMEN, VIOLET, ANCHUSA, MIGNONETTE. (S.O.I., Freetown, 2203N/14 to Admty.)

ATLANTIC COAST. M.L.272 defect. Departure P.M./14 ATLANTIC COAST escorted by Motor Launches 272 and 274. M.L. 272 returning to Harbour with engine defects. (N.O.I.C., Bathurst, 2229N/14, to C. in C.S.A.)

Mediterranean.

MAURO CROCE (Italian.) Loading Resin and Turpentine expected sailing for Barcelona tonight 13th, thence Genoa. Cargo machinery and aeroplanes silk fabrics to Barcelona. (Valencia, 0130/14 to M. of W.T.)

/Derna.....

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Derna Bardia Bombed. Day 12/10. 9 Marylands dropped 16000 pounds of bombs on enemy aircraft dispersed on Derna landing ground. Night 12/13. 4 Blenheims and 3 Albacores were despatched to Bardia to attack enemy submarine previously sighted at sea and believed making for the Harbour there. S/M was not located. Aircraft bombed Harbour. Day 13/10. 2 unsuccessful searches area North of Ras El Milh for survivors of 2 'A' lighters missing on night 11/12.

Piraeus bombed. 2. Greece. Night 12/13. 5 Wellingtons bombed oil containers in Piraeus Harbour.
(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1136/14.)

COETLOGON, French. Departure 13th.
(Barcelona, 1256/14 to M. of W.T.)

Return of Aircraft to Fleet. Your 1409/5. Amendment quoted not held. Does it cover case of damaged aircraft obliged to make forced landings on sea?
(S.O. Force H, 1547A/14 to C. in C. Med.)

Enemy Units. REGENT. 2 small ships and 1 destroyer expected at your principal port 1500B/15. At 1500B/16, 3 Navigatori class destroyers carrying German troops due in same place and will return North again immediately after disembarkation.
(Capt. S.1, 1559B/14 to REGENT.)

Russian Ships from Black Sea. Admiralty pass to Angora and C. in C. Med. Your 1238/10 para. 2. Soviet Naval Authoritie confirm merchant status of all vessels concerned MAKAROV will be renamed KERTCH and will have her silhouette changed. Para. 8. Approach to Turkish Govt., is at present in hands of Soviet F.O., but after discussion with Kuzretsov this afternoon it is possible that the help of Admiral Kelly may be sought. My suggestion that the ships should take some cargo to Turkey on its face value as an excuse for their presenc in Turkish waters has been accepted as intended at its true value as a bribe to Turkey and this will be done.
(Adm. Miles, ? 158/1090/14 to Admty.)

/TALISMAN...

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TALISMAN THUNDERBOLT. — TALISMAN reports a knocking noise (? unaccounted for) (? when) in 037° 22' 024° 04'. This may be of Volcanic origin. Ship beached S.W. Coast St. Georgio Island is known to have been torpedoed forward and aft. She was guarded by patrol vessel and aircraft during TALISMAN's patrol. You are reminded of RORQUAL's recent operation close to west of this x.
(Capt. S.1, 1725B/14 to THUNDERBOLT.)
x Geographical Times.

Enemy T/B, THORN. — One Torpedo boat expected in Otranto Strait from East gulf Sirte at 1000B/15. Speed about 18 knots.
(Capt. S.1, 1811B/14, to THORN.)

Malta Raid. — Night 13/14. 24 enemy fighters approached Island 0435 hours 9 crossed coast, machine gunned Luqa. No casualties.

M/V damaged. — Night 13/14. 7 Swordfish attacked Convoy 1 M/V 6,000 tons 1 D/R 1 escort vessel 2310 hours 172° Lampedusa 75 miles steaming south 8 knots. M/V and D/R attacked 2 hits on M/V afterwards seen low in water on fire. D/R picking up survivors opposition nil.
(H.Q. Malta, 1900/14.)

STRUMA, illegal immigrants. — Your telegram 1396 of 9/10 and 1426 of 13/10 to F.O., concerning illegal immigrants in M/Y STRUMA (originals in Lion Copy only. I will inform air and sea patrols and endeavour to turn back but it will be appreciated that with a ship packed with refugees aircraft can take little action and ship is unlikely to be encountered by surface patrols until in vicinity of Cyprus.
(C. in C. Med., 21188/14, to High Commissioner, Jerusalem.)
Orders to S/M's. (C. in C. Med., 2140B/14.)

TORBAY. — Leave present patrol position forthwith and return to Alexandria to arrive sanctuary 0800B/16, passing through 033° 00' 022° 00' 033°00' 025° 00'. If you can reach Apollonia by dusk/15, consider short bombardment.
(Capt. S.1, 2145B/14 to TORBAY.)
Your 1559 and your 1811/14 not to TORBAY.
(?Request) confirmation patrol should be maintained until further directions in accordance with your 2151/11. Weather conditions unfavourable for interception in non focal position.

/Request.....

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Mediterranean. Contd.

TORBAY. (Contd.) — Request treatment for inflamed tonsils, restricted) food (for passage. (TORBAY, 2358B/14, to Capt. S.1.)

Enemy Convoy, THORN. — Small escorted convoy expected to leave Cephalania south bound on 15th. Proceed South western portion your area and endeavour to intercept. Destination convoy 032° 00' 020° 00'. (Capt. S.1, 2317B/14, THORN.)

East Indies.

PACIFIC. — Overdue. Swedish PACIFIC left Aden 20/9 for Calcutta. (S.O.I., Colombo, 0606Z/14 to Admty.)

Red Sea Command. — C. in C. Med., 1950/10, concur in proposed date. (C. in C.E.I., 1300Z/14, to Admty.)

Christmas Island. — Position 10° 30' S., 105° 40' E.
(A) No vessel is to approach the Island between sunset and sunrise.
(B) No vessel is to approach within 2½ miles of the Island until permission to do so has been given by the Signal Station at Smith Point.
(E) Any vessel disregarding the above is liable to be fired on without warning.
(S.O.I., Colombo, 1336Z/14 to all concerned W.C.75.)

SNAPDRAGON. — Now that two LL sweepers have arrived in Persian Gulf and a further two are approaching it is requested that you will sail SNAPDRAGON for Suez to join C. in C. Mediterranean. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1543A/14 to C. in C.E.I.)

REWAK (intercepted 21/9.) — Your 07[illegible]3/11. (N.T. in W.D.) On arrival of REWAK at Aden seize vessel and cargo in accordance with C.B.1993 Chapter XII. (D.E.W.D. 1733A/14 to C.C.S.O. Aden.)

China.

DAUNTLESS DRAGON. — Your 0001/8/9. DAUNTLESS has been selected for relief by DRAGON. (C. in C. China, 0531Z/14 to Admty.)

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America and West Indies.

Trinidad.

Re engine room crews in local defence craft. Force consists of 5 A/S yachts, 2 Whalers for M.S., 5 miscellaneous vessels for Skid towing, M.S., etc. Every endeavour made to provide E.R. crew from local resources, but these sources are inefficient. Vessels continually breaking down and force is usually at less than 50% availability Trinidad admirably guarded by loop system but offensive measures desperately weak. Requirements to make good deficiency. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1114Q/14 to Admty.)

Ships Refitting in U.S.A. NEWCASTLE.

Your 2226A/10. The policy in your 2217/3 that ships after long refits will always return to England and minimum requirements laid down will considerably ease difficulties. In view of my 1728R/10 is it still intended NEWCASTLE is to return to U.K. or should detailed list of requirements be signalled. (B.A.R.M. 1236R/14 to Admty.)

NASTURTIUM. PRIMROSE. POLYANTHUS.

Sail in company for St. Johns N.F. 17/10. (B. A.R.M. 1302R/14 to Admty. etc.)

AMHERST.

If AMHERST is found to be seriously overdue for boiler cleaning on arrival Iceland request she be boiler cleaned by HECLA and ship subsequently sailed to overtake O.N.S. 29 or (?with) next O.N. convoy thereafter. (C.C.N.F., 1449Z/14 to N.O.I.C. Iceland (C)).
Your 1449Z/14. AMHERST completed boiler cleaning on 9/10. (C.O.A.C. Halifax 2050Z/14 to C.C.N.F.)

French Shipping.

French XCL BARFLEUR left Martinique 13/10 for Guadeloupe to return Martinique after staying about two days. French SAINT DOMINGUE arrived Fort de France 12/10 from Cayenne via Para. French Tanker MEROPE arrived Cienfuegos 1/10 from Vera Cruz. Admiralty inform Spenavo. (Opnav, 1602Z/14 to Admty.)

Havana.

Supplies for U-boats. (S.O.I. Kingston, 1738R/14) No copy in W.D., see 2056R/16.

/Employment.....

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America and West Indies-Contd.

Employment of A.M.C's. Your 1604A/10. The C.N.O. expresses appreciation for being consulted on employment of A.M.C's in Western Atlantic Area. He feels in view of U.S. forces available for service in Western Atlantic the 7 A.M.C's still retained would be used to greater advantage if re-assigned to areas and for duties proposed by Admiralty. (B.A.D. 1801R/14 to Admty.)

Task Force 2. A.T. 1303A/12. Amend para. (b) to read; (b) Group 2.6. YORKTOWN, SAVANNAH, WAINWRIGHT, MAYRANT, TRIPPE, RHIND, ROWAN at Casco Bay. NEW MEXICO, QUINCY, ANDERSON, HUGHES, SIMS at Casco Bay. These ships together with Group 2.6 form Group 14.3. (D.O.D. (F) 1834/14 to C. in C. A.W.I., C. in C. W.A. etc.) Cancelled: see 1647/15.

Op. Plan 70-41. My Op. plan 70 - 41 effective 0200 G.M.T./11/10 existing orders adequate in cases where plan not yet received. (N.S.H.Q. deliver Alusna). (Cinclant 2000/14 to Action all Holders my Op. Plan 70 - 41).

Australia.

CHIOS. Greek CHIOS from Aden 16/9 due Fremantle 8/10 has not arrived. (A.C.N.B. 0103Z/14 to Admty. etc.) Have you any news of Greek CHIOS due Fremantle 8/10 from Aden?. (D.T.D. 1845A/14 to D.N.I. Melbourne). Arrived, see 0126/15.

STEIRMARK (German). Your 1857A/30/9 part 3 final. Request further description of STEIERMARK including reference to similar silhouette in Talbot Booth Merchant ships 1940. (A.C.N.B., 12562/14 to Admty.)

New Zealand.

SILVAPLANA. Norwegian, 4793 tons, reported overdue, now presumed to have been sunk by an enemy raider on 11/9 in approx. 26.16 S., 164.25 W. (D.S. 766).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

FLEUR DE LYS.

FLEUR DE LYS torpedoed and sunk about 0240A/14 when on patrol in Wester Approaches of Straits. So far only 3 survivors. (F.O.C.N.A. 1232A/14 to Admty.)
My 1232A/14. Three survivors picked up by Spanish steamer in middle of Straits. Coxswain states ship was torpedoed port side under bridge. Magazine exploded. Ship broke in half and sank. FLEUR DE LYS was on Q patrol.
Survivors as follows. (F.O.C.N.A. 1328A/14 to Admty.)

Submarines Reported.

Estimated dispositions of U/B's in Atlantic. (D.D.I.C. 1426A/14)

1615A. U-Boat dived in 036° 20' N. 006° 40' W. at 1615A/14. (? F.O.C.N.A. 2017A/14 to S and A., N.A.)

1808Z. Bearing by D/F at 1808Z/14 position of enemy U-boat was 069° 25' 043° 30', reliable fix. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 2155C/14 to Adty.)

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C. Am overy enemy S/M in position 48.28 N. 9.42 W. Enemy S/M sighted on the surface and observed to submerge (? course 090° speed 10 knots). Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate one hit. (A/C duty S. 1450/14, 1505/14 to 19 Group) Details of attack. (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth, 2220/14) See Lion Copy.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Denmark Straits Patrol.

The U.S.A. aircraft carrier WASP has been withdrawn from Iceland and the Denmark Straits Patrol (3 U.S.A. C.G. cutters each with an aircraft) was withdrawn today. C. in C. H.F. knew nothing of this; Admiral Giffen is not allowed to communicate direct with him.

British Air Operations.

Bomber Command.

Blenheims today attacked shipping at Le Havre, and off the Frisian Islands. A 12,000 ton tanker was blown up by direct hit at Le Havre. The Blenheims suffered losses and damage. Shipping off the Frisian Island was also attacked, and ship was hit, but 5 of the 12 aircraft despatched are missing.

Coastal Command.

Shipping was attacked last night off the Coasts of Norway and Holland.
3 Hudsons attacked Esbjerg docks today from a height of 20/30 feet.

Enemy Air Operations.

Alteration in posting of a German long range bomber Gruppe known to have some torpedo aircraft probably indicates some increase of operations against shipping off the S.W. coast of Great Britain.

Two H.S.Ls. were attacked this afternoon off Newhaven and suffered some casualties.

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mining.

Minelaying by enemy aircraft last night is suspected off the coast of East Anglia and in the Thames Estuary.

The Humber was closed until completion of sweeping this morning.

South Atlantic.

S.S. WARRIOR (U.S.A. ship) is overdue at Capetown from Trinidad since 2/10 and may either be a raider or a U-boat casualty.

Mediterranean.

Four Swordfish were sent to attack with torpedoes 6,000 ton merchant vessel which was damaged by attack by Swordfish at 2310/13. The vessel was now in tow of tug, about 70 miles north of Mara. One Swordfish attacked, but results were not seen; the remaining Swordfish saw only the tug.

Yugoslavian Revolt.

The Admiralty have informed C. in C. Med., that he should do as quickly as possible everything he can to help the revolt of Yugoslavian patriots.

/Montenegro.....

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SITUATION REPORT.

Mediterranean - Contd.

Montenegro. It is reported that the Axis have evacuated Montenegro in face of rioting and that Bar has been bombarded from the sea.

New type of mine. N.L.O. Black Sea reports a new type of enemy mine found near Odessa. It is said to be fired either by magnetism or shadow by means of photo-electric.

East Indies.

Minesweeping in Shatt-el-Arab. The vital importance of Abadan oil supplies and the difficult local conditions for sweeping render it essential that a nucleus LL force should be established there before the threat develops. Such a force is now either there or on the way.

America & West Indies.

A.M.Cs. of Halifax escort Force. The 7 A.M.Cs. at Halifax are to cease to form the Halifax Escort Force and will be allocated to other foreign stations.

Task Force 2. This force has been reorganised.

Convoy escorts. As from noon G.C.T. "Comtask 4" took over from Cinclant supervision and control of convoy escorts in the northern and western Atlantic.

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SITUATION REPORT.

U-Boat Campaign.

Convoy S.C.48.

WETASKIWIN reports that convoy S.C.48 was attacked at 0700Z by submarine in 53° 34' N., 29° 57' W., and 2 ships were torpedoed. These were apparently M.V. SILVERCEDAR and ILA (Norwegian) and both sank immediately. There are only 4 corvettes with the escort. Two destroyers were sent from T.C. 14, and 5 U.S. destroyers from O.N.24, and 2 corvettes from O.N.5. The convoy has 10 stragglers. At 2330Z LEITH reported one ship torpedoed in 54° 55' N., 27° 15' W. This was apparently S.S. EMPIRE HERON: she sank immediately.

S.S. VANCOUVER ISLAND.

S.S. VANCOUVER ISLAND, independently routed to U.K. was torpedoed at 2057 today in 53° 37' N., -25° 37' W.

White Sea.

Two U-boats appear to be operating in the approaches to the White Sea.

Mediterranean.

Blenheims report 2 or more direct hits on a U-boat with 250 lb. bombs in 34° (?21' N., 23° 11' E., (about 150 miles north of Gazala) and consider that the submarine was severely damaged or sunk.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

I.F.F.Gear in M.G.Bs and M.T.Bs. Recent operations against E-Boats have shown that fitting of I.F.F. in M.G.Bs is an urgent requirement. Reasons. I.F.F. is also required in M.T.Bs now that A.S.V. fitted aircraft are operating in the Nore Command. Reasons. Request therefore that I.F.F. capable of responding to type 286 (A.S.V) may be fitted to the following ships as soon as practicable; - (a) M.G.Bs 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 16th Flotilla. (b) M.T.Bs 4th and 13th Flotillas. (c) New construction M.T.Bs and M.G.Bs allocated to the Nore Command. (C. in C. Nore 1020A/15.)

NEWCASTLE. Your 1236/14. Yes, it is intended that NEWCASTLE shall return to U.K. (A.C.N.S. F. 2218A/15 to B.A.R.M.)

Co-operation with U.S.A.

U.S. Forces. Request information of present dispositions U.S. Forces in Denmark Straits and composition of U.S. Naval Forces in Iceland. (C. in C. H.F. 1739A/15)
Your 1739A/15. Denmark Straits patrol withdrawn today. Following ships in Hvalfjord, IDAHO, MISSISIPI, TUSCALOOSA, WICHITA, VULCAN and 8 destroyers. 5 more destroyers from H.X.153 tonight. (A.C.I.C. 2230/15 to C. in C. H.F.)
Your 1739A/15. Following is disposition of U.S. Forces as received from Spenavo. (D.O.D. H. 2330A/15) See Lion Copy.

Co-operation with Russia.

Moscow reports that Embassy and whole of Military Mission leave Moscow for Kuibyshev tonight. No communication until further notice.
(D.O.D. H. 2224A/15 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)
It is notified that communication with the Mission in Moscow by all routes is closed down until further notice (information received from Foreign Office via D.N.I.) H.W.R.

North Dvina River. Condensers choked by timber debris. (SUFFOLK 1641C/15) See Navigational.)

White Sea Lights. Your 1829/14. Admiralty has no record of zones referred to. Request you will signal limits of any submarine patrol or other zones which have been established. (D.O.D. H. 1824A/15 to S.B.N.O. Murmansk.)

/Port ...

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Co-operation with Russia - contd.

Port and Railway facilities.

Information desired by War Office as follows. (D.O.S.T. 2333A/15 to N.C.S.O. Archangel) See Lion Copy.

Movements.

INDOMITABLE.
VERITY.
BADSWORTH.
C.T.4.

No.800, 827, 831 and 880 Squadrons (F.A.A.) embarked. My 2131A/13. Recommend 2 more full flying days. This should give time for right adjustment of arrestor wires which are giving trouble and repairs to R/T transmitters which are defective. Subject to above propose sailing 1600/17. (INDOMITABLE 0027A/15.)
Your 0027A/15. Approved. (A.C.N.S. H. 1007A/15 to INDOMITABLE.)
C. in C. W.A. 2224A/13. VERITY and BADSWORTH will be required to sail p.m./17/10.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1056A/15.)
INDOMITABLE should be sailed with convoy C.T.4 on 17/10.
2. Admiralty will amend route for C T.4 in order that R/V position already arranged for MENESTHEUS and AURANIA with A/S escort will not be affected.
3. C. in C. W.A. is requested to issue necessary instructions to delay MENESTHEUS and AURANIA.
4. INDOMITABLE will part company and proceed at high speed on route arranged when destroyers leave convoy to meet MENESTHEUS and AURANIA.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1234A/15.)

O.9.
Z.5.

Intend to sail Z.5 escorting O.9 from Blyth at 0800/17 through the Minches, Sounds of Mull and Islay to Rothesay. E.T.A. Rothesay 1200/20.
C. in C. Rosyth and F.O.I.C. Greenock are requested to arrange fighter protection.
(S.6. 1020A/15)

CUMBERLAND
Escort.

1 (one) destroyer from each 16th D.F. and 21st D.F. will be required as escort for CUMBERLAND on 19/10. Destroyers are to be fitted S.A. and if possible should be Hunt class. Destroyer detailed from 16 D.F. is to be sailed to arrive Sheerness p.m./18. (C. in C. Nore 1032A/15.)
Intend to sail CUMBERLAND for Scapa at 1100/19. Escort of 2 S.A. fitted destroyers (from The Nore command) will accompany CUMBERLAND as far as Kinnaird Head where she is due about 1000/20.
(ii) C. in C. H.F. is requested to provide escort for remainder of passage to destination if considered necessary.
(iii) Fighter protection for whole passage will be arranged by C. in C. Nore.
(C. in C. Nore 1230A/15.)

/TIGRIS .....

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Movements - contd.

TIGRIS.
Russian
S/Ms
D.3 and
175.

Your 2359/14. If you have left Patrol with all torpedoes expended and can arrive R one before 1000C/17 return to base by route Z reporting E.T.A. at R one. Otherwise act in accordance with previous orders.
Soviet S/M D three, leaves Zone 4 0001C/16 routed 72° N. and by route Y to S. one.
Soviet S/M 175 returns from Zone 5 by route X to be at R one at 1200C/17.
This is Message Number 2.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1036C/15 to TIGRIS.)

LAFOREY.
LIGHTNING.
C.T.4
CANTON.

Admiralty 1833A/14. Destination LAFOREY and LIGHTNING is Gibraltar.
Propose they should R/V with C.T.4 in 270° Oversay 6 miles at 0800Z/18 and part company in about longitude 25° W.
2. If you concur, request you will issue necessary orders for leaving convoy and onward route. (C. in C. H.F. 1206A/15 to C. in C. W.A.)
Proceed passing Switha 1230 tomorrow to Greenock to pick up passengers and stores before proceeding to join C.T.4. (R.A.D. H.F. 1558A/15 to Capt. D.19.)
A.M.1833A/14 and A.M.1239/13. LAFOREY and LIGHTNING are being sailed to Clyde to obtain tropical stores before sailing for Gibraltar and expect to arrive Greenock A.M./17.
2. It is anticipated that CANTON will be ready to leave Clyde for Freetown on 17/10. LAFOREY LIGHTNING may be sailed as A/S escort for CANTON and are to part company as ordered by C. in C. W.A. (D.O.D. H. 1748A/15 and 1528A/16.)

P.36

My 1547A/13. P.36 now on passage escorted by H.M.S. WHITE BEAR has been ordered to return to Holy Loch. (Capt. S.3. 1457A/15.)
Your 1013A/15. Return to Holy Loch. Pass to WHITE BEAR. (Capt. S.3. 1459A/15 to P.36.)
WHITE BEAR with P.36 will arrive 1300A/16.
(WHITE BEAR 1650A/15 to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

JAY.
MYRLAND.
KENNET.

Intend to sail 18/10 JAY (in accordance with A.L.6087/41 of 26/9)and M/S Trawlers MYRLAND and KENNET (in accordance with A.M.1933/26/8) in company for Freetown calling Azores for fuel. JAY and KENNET coaling at Fayal, MYRLAND oiling at Ponta Delgada. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1758/15.)

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Movements - contd.

SUFFOLK.
NORMAN.
HARRIER.
HALCYON.
SALAMANDER.
BRITOMART.

C. in C. H.F. 1305Z/4 (Hush circulation) This operation must be deferred.
2. SUFFOLK, IMPULSIVE, and ESCAPADE are to remain at Archangel at four hours notice for the present.
3. NORMAN is to be sailed forthwith for U.K. at best speed, routed North of Bear Island. She should call at Seydisfiord as necessary for fuel.
4. The minesweepers HARRIER, HALCYON, SALAMANDER and BRITOMART are to act in accordance with orders issued by C. in C. H.F. in his 1342A/14. (A.C.N.S. H. 2223A/15.)

Operations.

Western Channel Patrol.

M.G.B. 325 will sail to Southward at 1600 today returning dawn 16th.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1209/15.)

Q.E.6.

Your 0934A and my 1200A. In the event of Capt. (D) 21st D.F. abandoning exercises and operations with M.G.Bs today and weather permitting, an independent patrol of motor gunboats 86 and 91 will carry out Q E 6. (N.O.I.C. Yarmouth 1300A/15)

Cable laying.

Sailed my 1545A/14. (F.O.I.C. Belfast 1340A/15)

Denmark Straits Patrol.

Your 1739A/15. Denmark Straits Patrol withdrawn today. (A.C.I.C. 2230/15 to C. in C. H.F.)

Dover Patrol.

Two M.Ls leave Dover at 1945 and return at 0115/16. Route via South Varne each way.
(V.A. Dover 1719A/15.)

British Air Activity.

Patrols.

"Hornli" in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1141/15.)
Southern half of "Stab" and Northern half of "Bert" also special "Rover" patrol in Stadlandet area in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth 1425/15.)

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Enemy Air Activity.

Faroes. — A large number of reports of unidentified A/C have been received from coast watchers today. Reports appear to indicate some friendly and some enemy aircraft. No hostile acts reported. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 2144A/15.)

H.S.L.145 H.S.L.112 attacked. — H.S.L.145 attacked at 1731/15 by one enemy aircraft with M.G. and cannon fire in approx. position W.V.7272. Enemy aircraft then attacked H.S.L.112 which was in visual touch with H.S.L. 145 to the N.W. and returned to H.S.L. 145 making a further attack on her before leaving. S.O.5th M.L. Flotilla in M.L.143 proceeded from Newhaven at 1754 followed by EUREKA 147 with M.O. on board and made contact with H.S.L.145 in W.V.8398. The three vessels entered Newhaven at 2010. One fatal casualty. 2 slightly wounded. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2245/15.)

Mining.

Humber. — River closed until completion of sweeping. (N.O.I.C. Humber 0536A/15)

Thames Estuary. — At 1240/15 one mine exploded by HOLDERNESS in 51° 31.8' N. 1° 4.5' E. Details. (HOLDERNESS 1341A/15)

N.L.7. — Intend to carry out operation N.L.7 tonight. (V.A. Dover 1523/15.)

Sweep of Q.Z.S.117 and 151. — A.M.2013A/13 and C. in C. Nore's 2222A/13. Intend to sail M/S 13 in BLYTH with EASTBOURNE, FELIXSTOWE, ILFRACOMBE, POLRUAN, and JAN VAN GELDER at 1730/16 for Harwich (route):- to sweep Q.Z.S.117 and 151 as ordered by C. in C. Nore. E.T.A. 1600/17. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1807A/15)

Enemy Intelligence.

Baltic. — Various intelligence. (N.A. Stockholm 1609/15.) See Lion Copy.

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Enemy Intelligence - contd.

Spitzbergen. C!s in C.1342A/14. Report graded B.3 that German Command has considered occupation of Spitzbergen with troops and artillery and that troops could be landed by air. It is possible 2 German armed trawlers may be encountered in Spitzbergen waters.
(D.N.I.1638A/15 to SUFFOLK, HARRIER.)

Enemy Destroyer. 1 new destroyer of Narvik Flotilla left Oslo 13/10 after carrying out urgent repairs at Akers. Graded B.2. (N.A. Stockholm 1751/15.)

Norwegian Coastal Shipping. Following are recent movements of M/Vs on Norwegian Coast. (N.A. Stockholm 1759/15)
See Lion Copy.

Navigational.

North Dvina River. All Main and auxiliary condensers choked by waterlogged timber debris when crossing bar leaving berth in North Dvina River today. Caused complete failure of all electric power. Now being cleared. Depth on bar 25 feet. Submit other cruisers be warned. (SUFFOLK 1641C/15.)

Technical.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN. Your 1842/13. Docking R. Class battleships in A.F.D IV was fully considered in 1937. Displacement of 31,500 tons can be achieved by adjustment of oil fuel whilst retaining full out-fit ammunition. No water should be contained in water protection compartments.
Arrangements for docking should be made accordingly with C.O. ROYAL SOVEREIGN.
(D. of D. 0537A/15 to F.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

Casualties and Defects.

SHERWOOD. Your 1043A/15. Not ready until 19/10.
(N.O.I.C. Iceland 1501/15 to C. in C. W.A.)

P.36. P.36 escorted by WHITE BEAR in Irish Sea 1500/15 returning to Holy Loch with engine defects.
(F.O.S. 1617A/15.)

MURIEL. Lost convoy through engine defect. Returning for shelter. (MURIEL 1730/15.)

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EMPIRE WATERHEN. — Drifting helplessly, boiler completely disabled, position 57° 37' N. 06° 55' W. Requires assistance immediately. (Scapa W/T 1828/15.)
Request you sail MARAUDER with despatch to assist EMPIRE WATERHEN. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 2107/15 to N.O.I.C. Stornoway)
Detach SALISBURY to proceed at best speed to assist EMPIRE WATERHEN. Tug MARAUDER is being sailed from Stornoway. (C. in C. W.A. 2119A/15 to BEAGLE.)
Proceed with despatch to assist. SALISBURY also proceeding to position. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 2213/15 to FREEBOOTER.)
Cancel my 2107/15. MARAUDER is to remain at 1/2 hours notice. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 2233/15)
Your 1828/15. COTILLION despatched to assist. (FOXTROT 2330A/15 to Adty.)

MOOSEJAW. — 1230 arrived MOOSEJAW in tow of GOS 8 and GOS 9. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 2109A/15)

H.S.L.145 — At 1640/15 reported having lost port propellor. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 2245/15.)

CASTLETON. — CASTLETON steering engine broke down in position 000° from Rona Light 3 miles.
Has gone into hand steering and is steering North until daylight when he will proceed Port Z.A. for repairs. (LANCASTER 2110/15.)

Shipping and Convoys.

F.N.82 — F.N.32 at 58 buoy. M.Ls 148 and 149 have been instructed to enter Humber owing to weather. (WHADDON 0111A/15.)

S.C.47 — Your 2349A/15. Unable to contact Commodore or all ships S.C.47. (EGLANTINE 0400A/16)

O.S.9. — Sailed HOLLYHOCK to overtake convoy O.S.9 for Freetown acting additional escort in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1220A/7. Ships will call Meville to top up and will break off to take about 140 tons fuel oil at Ponta Delgada arriving a.m./23 approx. rejoining convoy on completion. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0728A/15.)

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T.C.14. Details of Personnel, etc. (D.S.T. 0747A/15) See Lion Copy.

CAMERONIA. Details on board. (D.S.T.0748A/15) See Lion Copy.

ORONSAY. Details on board. (D.S.T. 0749A/15) See Lion Copy.

S.C.48. SHERWOOD, ST.APOLLO, NOTTS COUNTY will be unable to meet S.C.48. (3rd E.G. 1524/15.)

O.N.S.23
O.N.24. (1) C. in C. W.A. 1853A/28/9. Request whether ARROWHEAD sailed with O.N.S.23.
(2) C. in C. W.A. 2313A/20/9. Request whether ACONIT sailed with O.N.24.
(C.C.N.F. 1752Z/15 to N.O.I.C. Greenock)

C.T.4.
C.T.5.
T.C.15
W.S.14
W.S.15. My 1707A/11. The following arrangements are projected for trans-Atlantic convoys.
C.T.4: One ship leaves U.K.17/10 and returns as an additional T.C. convoy, leaving Canada approximately 2/11.
C.T.5: Eight ships leave U.K.30/10 and return as T.C.15 leaving Halifax approximately 15/11.
2. Ships of T.C.15 leave U.K. in convoys W.S.14 on 30/11 or in W.S.15 on 23/12.
(A.C.N.S. H. 1955A/15.)

Troops for Halifax. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1549Z/8. Following are revised arrangements for (?20,000) troops to arrive Halifax 7/11 for transhipment into 6 U.S. Transport Details. (B.A.D. Washington 2011R/15) See Lion Copy.

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S.C.47 U.
O.N.26.

As Loch Ewe is full S.C.47 U. is to be escorted to Oban. Estimate S.C.47 U. will meet O.N.26 at about 0330A/16. (C. in C. W.A. 2349A/15 to EGLANTINE.)

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Raiders.

Intelligence. Supplementing 2035A/7 and 1205A/10. (D.D.I.C. 1827A/15 to Cs in C.)
See Lion Copy.

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North Atlantic.

Sink-at-sight Zones.	A.C.N.S. (F), 0044A/15 to F.O.C.N.A. (See Med).
LOCH OSKAIG (damaged by A/C).	Departure 0100 SENNEN, TOTLAND. Your 1923/14. (N.T. in W.D.) Arrival LOCH OSKAIG. (F.O.C.N.A., 0210A/15 to Admty).
Italian 2-Man S/Ms.	My 0928A/9. A second Italian 2 man submarine was recovered by Spanish diving party a.m./13 in 342° 12.6 cables North Mole Light. Craft appeared similar to one recovered on 8/10 but close observation was prevented by Spanish authorities. (F.O.C.N.A., 1122A/15 to Admty).
JONQUIL, COREOPSIS.	Departures JONQUIL, COREOPSIS escorting Norwegian tanker SANDAR until dark/19 thence to R/V Norwegian tanker VELMA as escorted to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A., 1212A/15 to Admty)
MARON, HILARY.	MARON patrol U.1 V.1 east of 020° west HILARY on patrol H.X.3. Situation report no. 3 at 1956A/15. (F.O.C.N.A., 1228A/15 to N.A. Stn).
CROOME	My 1540A/12 para. 3. Departure 1227/15 CROOME. (F.O.C.N.A., 1412A/15 to Admty) See also U-boat Campaign.
SEVERN	Sailed for Freetown routed East of (?Canary Island) through 020° 48' 018° 00' 13 knots, thence as ordered by C. in C. South Atlantic. SEVERN sailing with 10% fuel shortage owing to leaky tank. (F.O.C.N.A., 1630/15 to C. in C. S.A).
GERMANIA.	German tanker GERMANIA ready to leave Teneriffe any moment. Source special observer. B.2. (N.A. Madrid, 1649/15 to Admty).
Enemy Destroyer.	Air report one destroyer 045° 13' N., 008° 06' W. 050° 30 knots at 1227A/15. (F.O.C.N.A., 1734A/15 to Admty).

/German.....

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North Atlantic. - Contd.

German Report of Convoy.

U.S. Charge D'Affaires has received reliable information from a secret source that local German secret agents have ascertained that a convoy composed of American (sic) ships is due to pass through Straits of Gibraltar (course not stated) between 15/10 and 18/10. Ships thereon proceeding at night. There can presumably be no convoy of "American" ships so this may refer to one of our convoys?
(Consul, General, Tangier, 1820/15 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

South Atlantic.

CHANTILLY.

Your 1911/11 (?) No objection to CHANTILLY being diverted via Pointe Noire if it is impracticable to provide for movement from Pointe Noire to Freetown. Suggest one of vessels referred to in my 1227/1 to C. in C. S.A., only might be used on her return voyage to Freetown. (D.S.T., 0650A/15 to C. in C. S.A.)

MAURETANIA.

Your 1626/13. Consider it most desirable to take this opportunity of carrying out docking and repairs to MAURETANIA. (D.S.T., 0744A/15 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown).

"R" report RIPLEY.

RIPLEY made an R R R R message in 030° 50' S., 015° 54' E., at 0935/15. Coded cancellation received considered genuine.
(N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1247Z/15)
RIPLEY Raider Report. This was JUMNA.
(JUMNA, 1030/15 to C. in C. S.A.)

EAGLE.

Your 1235/26 (N.T. in W.R.). Is it the intention that EAGLE should return to South Atlantic Station on completion of refit?
(C. in C. S.A., 1143N/15 to Admty).

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Minesweepers for S. Africa.	My 1303/14 (para 4) (A) Contact M/S., for 31 read 37. (F.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1147B/15 to Admty).
Convoy Escorts.	Following escort arrangements are intended: (i) Durban portion W.S.12 to Durban, DEVONSHIRE. (ii) Capetown portion W.S.12, Cape to Durban, DERBYSHIRE. (iii) 24 Gold Coast Brigade, Durban to Cape, ALCANTARA. (iv) 24 Gold Coast Brigade, Cape to Takoradi HAWKINS. DEVONSHIRE requires quick docking at either Durban 2/11 or Simonstown about 4/11 if possible. 24 Gold Coast Brigade convoy to be known as C.F.3 from date of leaving Durban. (C. in C. S.A., 1345N/15 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown).
DEVONSHIRE.	Will form part of South Atlantic Command and will be administered by C. in C. S.A. Stn. (C. in C. S.A., 1351N/15 to S.A. Stn).
S.L.90	Departure October (15th) with VANSITTART, ASTER, ARMENIA, STARWORT, CYCLAMEN, (?GURKHA) (S.O.(I) Freetown 2211N/15 to Admty).
W.S.12	My 2201N/14 (N.T. in W.D.) Your 2153A/15 to S.O.(I) Freetown only. For convoy W.S.14 read convoy W.S.12. (S.O.(I) Freetown 2345N/15 to Admty).

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Mediterranean.

Genoa Sink-at-sight Zone.

Your 1058/7. Question of extending zone off Genoa is under constant review, but politically the moment is notopportune for raising the question. Only with difficulty has consent been obtained to attacks on Spanish vessels within existing Mediterranean zones.
2. Any new extension to existing zones must be declared owing to possibility of French or Spanish vessels being attacked therein. Inclusion of Corsica in any declared extension is likely to have serious political repercussions in Vichy, which might go so far as active countermeasures by French Fleet. This is unacceptable under present conditions.
3. Permission is, however, being sought to apply instruction in para. 5 of A.T. 2021/20/2 to territorial waters of Metropolitan France and Corsica.
4. A consolidated version of Sink-at-Sight instructions for the Mediterranean will be issued shortly.
(A.C.N.S. (F) 0044A/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

TALISMAN, TETRARCH, REGENT.

Your 1425B/2. Examination of TALISMAN port engine show that cracks have extended slightly in last patrol but vessel is still considered fit for service. Propose therefore that TETRARCH should proceed to U.S.A. for refit leaving Alexandria 17/10 to Malta direct carrying stores thence on to Gibraltar after one or two days, thence direct to U.S.A. Further propose that REGENT on completion of rest period after present patrol should sail about 5/11 with stores for Malta thence to Gibraltar thence to U.K. as necessary to embark special gear for silencing thence to U.S.A.
(Capt. S.1., 0851B/15 to C. in C. Med)
Approved. (C. in C. Med., 1129B/16).

Tobruk.

Minesweeping summary week ending 12/10.
One minelaying raid, two non parachute mines laid outside harbour. Mines swept. Two red magnetic together 5/10 by LL double pulsing thought laid 30/9.
(S.B.N.O. Tobruk, 1032B/15).

/A.2.....

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Mediterranean. - Contd.

A.2 and A.7 Sunk.

My 2304/12, para. 2.
Lighters A.2 and A.7 left Tobruk at 1900/11 after unloading and have not been reported since. Air search has revealed no trace. Both lighters now presumed sunk probably to enemy U-boat or aircraft during night 12/13. Fear no survivors. Recent Italian claims may refer. (C. in C. Med., 1033B/15 to Admty).

New type mine.

N.L.O. Black Sea reports new type of enemy mine found near Odessa. Said to be fired either by magnetism or shadow by means of photo-electric. Details have been asked for. Russian ask whether we have information of any other new type enemy mine. (Adm. Miles, Moscow, 1054C/15 to Admty)

Enemy Units THORN.

My 2317B/14 to THORN only. Confirmed convoy of two ships with destroyer escort will pass through following position at time stated. 1900 B/15, 284 midday 106. 0500B/16 241 midday 110. E.T.A. 032° 02' 020° 04', 0001B/17. (Capt. S.1., 1100B/15 to THORN, REGENT).

OTUS.

OTUS with cargo of fuel sailed from 32° 05' 20° 01' 14th for 32° 45' 22° 40'. (Capt. S.1., 1121B/15 to TORBAY).

Benghazi bombed.

Night 13/14. 11 Wellingtons bombed Benghazi Harbour. Day 14/10. 5 Blenheims attacked a landing ground near Gambut. 6 Marylands bombed Benghazi Harbour in afternoon causing explosion and large fire on Juliana Mole between coal store and seaplane base. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1123/15

P.31 UNIQUE, UPRIGHT.

P.31 adjust speed to make passage 038° 00' 011° 44' to 037° 16' 012° 56' submerged on 19th thence direct by N.W. (?) passage to arrive Marsamxett before dark on 20th. UNIQUE leaves patrol p.m./17 through 038° 40' 011° 50' to make same passage as above on 20th to arrive 21st. UPRIGHT leaves Malta p.m./18 making N.W. passage through Q.B.B. 65 during daylight 19th then to operate West of 012° 00'. P.31 to attempt S.S.T. communication to 19th. Movements of RORQUAL follows. (Capt. S.10 1255A/15 to UNIQUE P.31).

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LE TRIOMPHANT, LEOPARD.	LE TRIOMPHANT 1900M/9 and previous signals. Following programme for LE TRIOMPHANT has been agreed between Admty and Adm. Comdg. F.N.F.L. for passage from Pacific to Mediterranean. Auckland 28/10 - 1/11, Noumea 4 - 9/11, Brisbane 11 - 12/11, Port Darwin, 18 - 19/11, Batavia 23 - 24/11, Singapore 25 - 28/11, Colombo 2 - 4/12, Aden 10/12, Suez 13/12. C. in C. China is requested to arrange for the call at Batavia with N.E.I. authorities. Adm. Comdg. F.N.F.L. requests that on arrival in Mediterranean LE TRIOMPHANT should visit Alexandria and Beirut. F.F.S. LEOPARD will also leave U.K. on completion of repairs in December for Eastern Mediterranean where she and LE TRIOMPHANT will form a division under orders of C. in C. Med. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1412A/15 to C. in C. Med., etc).
LL Sweepers.	-Your 1837A/13. Vital importance of Abadan oil supplies and difficult local conditions for sweeping make it essential that a nucleus LL force should be established there before the threat develops. Such a force is now either there or on the way, SNAPDRAGON has been ordered to join you by A.M.1543A/14. Until situation deteriorates it is not intended to divert any more to that area. Passage of reinforcements has been delayed largely by breakdowns and following is the actual situation today:- Whalers CALM and HAILSTORM "LL" S.A. no tails arrived Aden 12/10. Trawlers, CORDELA and NORSE "LL" S.A. arrived Durban 6/10. Trawler LORD IRWIN "LL" S.A. left Capetown 9/10. 167 Group "LL" due to complete in South Africa 15/10. Whaler FIRMAMENT "LL" S.A. no tail left Lagos 10/10. Whaler DAYBREAK "LL" S.A. no tail arrived Lagos 12/10. Group 168 comprising NOBLE NORAH, EGELAND, JOHN WILLIAMSON and TRANSVALLIA on passage to fit out in Mediterranean . A further 12 "LL" trawlers are due to leave U.K. this year for the East and will be allocated later. (A.C.N.S. (F) 1756A/15 to C. in C. Med).

/Return.....

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Return of Aircraft to fleet.	Your 1409B/5 to F.O.H. As a result of recent experience in Mediterranean, what amendments are proposed to para 13 of S.P. 02312(2)? (D.S.D., 1810A/15 to C. in C. Med).
Malta Raid.	Night 14/15 Oct. 1 alert 0212 to 0327 hours, 9 raiders approached, only 4 crossed Coast, bombs on land and in sea, no damage or casualties. Hurricanes up no illuminations no interceptions. (R.A.F., Malta, 1830/15).
M/V believed torpedoed.	Day 15/10. 34 Swordfish despatched attack 7000 ton M/V (see my 11.180 14/10) sighted same towed by tug 0600 hours 012° Zuara 70 miles, course S.W. One A/C launched torpedo 0025 hours result unobserved remaining A/C saw tug only 0050 hours. All aircraft returned. This M/V not seen todays Reccos. (R.A.F., Malta, 1830/15).
Rioting in Yugoslavia.	Information good diplomatic source (?Germans) (?Italians) evacuated Montenegro in face of (?local) rioting. Bar bombarded from sea. German Air Force co-operated all reprisals Bosnia. Continuous bombing completely destroyed Uzice. (?Montenegro) rioting Iabbc west of (?Belgrade) (M.A. Ankara, 2022/15 to W.O.)
Guerilla forces, Yugoslavia.	Following for C. in C. from Chiefs of Staff No. 182. 1. King of Yugoslavia has made a personal and urgent appeal to the Prime Minister for assistance to be given to guerilla forces now fighting in his country. 2. From our point of view revolt is premature, but patriots have thrown their caps over the fence and must be supported by all possible means. 3. Help can only come from M.E; important you should do all you can as quickly as you can. Please inform us what you are already doing and what further help you can give without prejudice to other operations, also whether we can do anything from this end. Patriots report that aerodromes at Preljina, Chachak, and Pozega are in their hands, and their headquarters is at Suvobor. (V.C.N.S., 2206A/15 to C. in C. Med).

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East Indies.

Co-operation with Russia. Your 0606Z/8 (N.T. in W.D.) See my 14438/C of 3/10. According to information received from Tiflis Mission useless sending Officer until Russians agree. To War Office only. In view of probable importance naval situation Caspian request you obtain early sanction from Russians. (C. in C.India, 0035/15 to C. in C.E.I., repeated W.O.)

Troop Transport, S.A. to M.E., C.M. 18. Your 1852/14 para. 3. Para. 1, concur with your proposals. Escorts can only be provided from Durban or vicinity of Durban in each case. Para. 2. Intend ARONDA and STRATHEDEN to be known as convoy C.M.18. (C. in C.E.I., 0800Z/15 to P.S.T.O., Simonstown.)

AUSTRALIA, escort of monsters. Your 1626/13 either alternative suits providing 20-knot convoy is not run before 14/11. (C. in C.E.I., 0802Z/15 to F.O.I.C. Simonstown.)

SNAPDRAGON. Admty., 1543/14. (i) Comply. (ii) Report intended programme for SNAPDRAGON. (C. in C.E.I., 0804Z/15, to S.N.O.P.G.)

DRAGON. TEVIOT BANK. Your 0634Z/13/10/41. Intended programme leave Cape of Good Hope P.M./16, leave Durban P.M./21, leave Mauritius P.M./28, arriving at Colombo 6/11. (DRAGON, 1412B/15 to C. in C.E.I.)

Red Sea Command. C. in C. Mediterranean's 1950/10. Do you concur in change taking place on 21/10? (A.C.N.S.(F) 2200A/15 to C.in C. E.I.) Reply: Yes (1336Z/16.)

China.

SCHARNHORST. (German.) Now reported (A.1) that though rumours of departure have been prevalent recently, no signs of taking fuel or stores, nor has ship been docked for over 2 years. (D.S., 771, 15/10.)

/Japanese.....

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China Contd.

Japanese Ship stopped by M.T.B.

Ref. Cdre i/c Hong Kong's 1501/12. You should register a protest with Japanese S.N.O. on grounds that vessel refused to stop when ordered and refused permission to board, such action being liable to lead to unfortunate incidents. It should be pointed out that Japanese ship was wearing no colours and Cdre i/c Hong Kong confirms that she was carrying no other distinguishing marks or flag. The incident (?was) (?particularly) aggravated in that it took place inside British territorial waters.
(C. in C. China, 0211Z/15, to N.L.O.Shanghai.)

N.E.I.Navy and R.D.F.

Enquiry has been received from (? C. in C.) N.E.I., Naval Force, as to practical use and technical details R.D.F., together with request for instruction course for N.E.I. personnel. He states Dutch Ministry for Navy informs him that R.D.F., sets are being bought in England. Request confirmation and instructions as to how much information may be given.
(C. in C. China, 0915Z/15, to Admty.)

Mines.

Your 0833/7 and 0133/13. Supply of mines will be arranged accordingly.
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1614A/15 to C. in C. China.)

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America and West Indies.

PASTEUR Convoy C.T.4. — Your 1554/11. Call at Halifax is still necessary to disembark bulk of passengers although a few may remain on board for Quebec. (D.S.T. 0743A/15 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

CIRCASSIA. WORCESTER-SHIRE. — B.A.D. Washington 1801R/14. In redisposition of remaining A.M.C's request consideration be given to allocation of one vessel to A. & W.I. Station to work as a pair with CIRCASSIA. I would prefer WORCESTERSHIRE in view of her high endurance, which would be of great value should it be necessary to employ this pair in the Pacific. (C.in C. A.W.I., 1031Q/15 to Admty.)

Leeward Is. — Governor Leeward Islands No. 352 of 4/10 to Chapelries, London. Consider that proposal to provide dredged channel and deep water quay is well worth immediate examination and putting into effect if at all possible. (C.in C. A.W.I. 1241Q/15 to Admty.)

Task Force 2. — Cancel A.M. 1834/14 and 1303A/12.
Reorganisation of Task Force 2.
Group 2.5. RANGER, PHILADELPHIA, LANG, WILSON, assigned Bermuda Group.
Group 2.6. YORKTOWN, BROOKLYN, SAVANNAH, WAINWRIGHT, MAYRANT, TRIPPE, RHIND, ROWAN, assigned Argentia Group.
Group 2.7. WASP, NASHVILLE, STACK, STERRETT, assigned Hampton Roads Group.
Group 14.3. Composed of NEW MEXICO, ANDERSON, HAMMANN, HUGHES and Group 2.6. (D.O.D. (F) 1647A/15 to C.in C., A.W.I., etc.).

A.M.C's. — A.M. 1248A/6/9, 1603A/10 and B.A.D. 1801R/14.
It has been decided that AURANIA, WORCESTERSHIRE, ALAUNIA, AUSONIA, MONTCLARE, ASCANIA and CALIFORNIA will cease to form the Halifax Escort Force.
2. These ships will be allocated to other foreign stations after giving leave in U.K.
3. In addition CHITRAL already allocated to E. Indies will also return to the U.K. to give leave.
4. A further signal will be made when arrangements for A/S escorts have been completed.
(A.C.N.S.(H) and (F) 1655A/15 to C.in C. A.W.I. etc.)

/Suspicious .....

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Suspicious Ship report 9/10.

Your 1534Z/12 (N.T.in W.R.) Your 1618Z/30/9 and 1404Z/2/10. Reported (Norg) FERNGLEN due Balbao 9/10 from Los Angeles routed approx. 100 off Acapulco. Ship did not arrive until 10/10. Suggest this possibly ship sighted. Ship due Boston 21/10. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1734R/15 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

NORSELAND.

Your 1248R/5. NORSELAND. Owners report vessel repairing Balboa. Please confirm. (D.T.D. 1758A/15 to S.O.I. Jamaica).

DIOMEDE.

Esquimalt departure DIOMEDE for San Francisco. (S.O.I. Esquimalt 1832Z/15 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

ROODE ZEE

Your 2208A/6. Can any date for release of ROODE ZEE now be given?
(D.T.D. 1833A/15 to C. in C. A.W.I.) Reply: 1622/16.

BACININ PADRE. (ex Italian)

Venezuelan Govt. has moved from Caripito to Puerto Cabello where she arrived on 14/10. (D.S. 771 15/10).

Australia.

CHIOS.

My 0103Z/14. Vessel arrived Fremantle 14/10. (A.C.N.B. 0126Z/15 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

A.2, A.7. — Lighters, presumed sunk off Tobruk. (C. in C. Med., 1033B/15) See Mediterranean.

S.C.48. first attack, 2 ships torpedoed. — Convoy S.C.48 attacked 053° 36' 030° 00'. (WETASKIWIN 0705Z/15).
My 0705Z/15, attacked at 0700Z by submarine in 053° 34' N. 029° 57' W. 2 ships torpedoed. Have only four corvettes with escort. Am acting on your (?03 or 02) 41Z/14 will be 4 hours late at M.O.M.P. Visibility good, wind N.W. 4 convoy together but 10 stragglers including Commodore. (WETASKIWIN, 1001Z/15 to U.S. Chief of Naval Operations).
D/F bearings at 0840Z/15, 0943Z/15, 1046Z/15, 1158Z /15, 1244Z/15 and 1358Z/15 indicate that Convoy S.C.48 is being shadowed and reported by one or more U-boats. (D.D.I.C. 1558A/15 to Opnav, C.C.N.F. etc.)
Admty. 1558A/15 and WETASKIWIN's 0705Z/15 now being passed to all addressees. COLUMBIA S.O. escort and only destroyer with S.C. 48 is short legger. May have already parted company or shortly may be obliged to do so.
(C. C.N.F. 1710Z/15 to Admty. U.S.C.N.O.)

S.C.48 second attack. — S.C. 48 attacked one ship torpedoed in 054° 55' N. 027° 15' W. (COLUMBIA 2330Z/15 to Admty.)

S.S. VANCOUVER ISLAND. — Following received via Liverpool W/T: SSSS 53.37 N. 25.37 W. VANCOUVER ISLAND torpedoed, received two torpedoes. (VANCOUVER ISLAND, 2057/15) British, 9472 tons, torpedoed about 550 miles W. of Slyne Head. Bound independently from Montreal for Belfast and Cardiff with general cargo. (D.S. 772, 16/10).
Following received from Admiralty. "VANCOUVER ISLAND independently routed to U.K. torpedoed at 2057/15, 053° 37' N. 025° 37' W. Suggest DIANTHUS and ACONITE from O.N. 24 be sent to her assistance". Concur. Direct vessels named if still in company to so proceed. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa pass to DIANTHUS and ACONITE. (U.S. C.N.O. 2345Z/15 to Comdr. Task Unit 4.1.4., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

Submarines Reported.

0959. — One submarine bearing 350° distance 7 miles course unknown. My position 36° 15' N. 9° 45' W. (CROOME, 0959/15 to Whitehall W/T).
My 0959. Submarine previously reported has dived. (CROOME 1006/15).

/F.O.C.N.A.....

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

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-Contd.

F.O.C.N.A's 1101 (N.T. in W.R.) My position 055° 21' N. 009° 47' W. (CROOME, 1203/15 to TOTLAND, SENNEN).
My 0959, contact not obtainable. Asdic temporarily out of action, am proceeding. (CROOME 1227/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

0709Z

D/F bearings at 0709Z/15 indicate U/Boat possibly in your vicinity. Very indefinite position. (D.D.I.C. 1046/15 to Escorts for H.G. 74, CILICIA, BRADFORD).

0921C.

Bearing by D/F at 0921C/15 position of enemy U-Boat was 068° 25' 042° 10' Reliable fix. Admiralty pass to SUFFOLK, HARRIER. (S.B.N.O. Murmansk 1056C/15 to Admty.)

0840Z.

D/F at 0840Z/15 indicates indefinite position of U/Boat. Approx. 54° N. 27° W. (D.D.I.C. 1142A/15 to S & A. W. App).

1046Z.

D/F Bearings at 1046Z/15 indicate U/boat within 50' of 54° 40' N. 30° W. (D.D.I.C. 1233A/15 to A.I.G. 62 etc.)

White Sea.

From D/F reports received of U-Boats during October, 2 appear to be operating approaches White Sea. One within 30 miles radius 69° 08' E. and second between Svytoi Nos and Cape Kanin. Admiralty pass to SUFFOLK.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1309C/15 to Admty.)

1158Z.

D/F bearings at 1158Z/15 indicate U-boat in approx. 53° 30' N. 31° - 32° W.
(D.D.I.C. 1330A/15 to A.I.G. 62 etc.)

Estimated dispositions of U/B's in Atlantic.
(D.D.I.C. 1432A/15).

1615Z.

1 S/M submerged bearing 254 12 miles course 350° position 13° 20' N. 17° 6' W.
(A/C E., 204 Sqdn. 1615Z/15).
Have lost touch with enemy submarine last seen in 13° 20' N. 17° 6' W. P.C. and S. of enemy are SFXX 2693 (indecipherable) 350° 6, am proceeding as ordered. (A/C E. 204 Sqdn. 1700Z/15 to Freetown W/T).

S/M situation 15/10.
(U.S.C.N.O. 2120/15 to C. in C. A.F.)

" /2057.....

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Submarines Reported-Contd.

2057 G.M.T. — Admty. message A.F. Position 53° 37' N. 25° 37' W. at 2057/15 G.M.T. (D.D.I.C. 21452/15 to G.B.M.S. Area 1.)

Submarines Attacked.

By A/C and VASCAMA, 25/8. — T.L. consider that the attacks carried out on a German U-boat on 25/8/41 first by Aircraft "J" of 209 Squadron and then by VASCAMA probably achieved its destruction by cumulative damage. (1st S.L. 1903A/15).

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SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

WOLFE and MALOJA on arrival in U.K. about 22/10 are to be re-converted to trade.

Co-operation.	Several signals yesterday and today illustrate the difficulty of co-operation between allies (Great Britain and U.S.A) without unified command.
E.C. and E.N. convoys.	E.C. convoys are to be suspended and E.N. convoys ~~and~~ reinstituted about 1 November, for the period of winter.
Operations by TIGRIS.	TIGRIS has returned from patrol off Svaerholthavet. She expended all her torpedoes but only observed one certain hit on a merchant ship in escorted westbound convoy on 14/10.
ROYAL SOVEREIGN.	ROYAL SOVEREIGN, who has been repairing at Glasgow, arrived at Scapa today and will join the Home Fleet temporarily.

British Air Operations.

Bad weather caused operations last night to be curtailed. A minor attack was made on Boulogne Docks.

8 Hurricanes on offensive patrol this morning attacked and damaged vessels at Flushing.

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Enemy Air Operations.

Convoy F.S.21 was bombed at 1859 in 53° 20' N. 1° 1' E. No damage is reported. Fighters shot down the attacker.

Some damage to Naval Offices ashore was caused by air raid on Yarmouth last night.

Mining.

Minelaying by enemy aircraft last night is suspected in the mouth of the Humber.

North Atlantic.

With the present convoy routes F.O.C.N.A. wishes a rescue tug to be stationed at the Azores or Funchal.

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Mediterranean.

Libya and Western Desert.

18 Wellingtons bombed the harbour and shipping at Benghazi last night.

9 enemy aircraft bombed Tobruk harbour last night. No damage is reported. The shelling of Tobruk by shore batteries has increased.

U-Boat Campaign.

Convoy S.C.48.

This convoy is still being pursued by several U-boats. The position of the convoy at 1100 was about 56° N. 27° W. At 1725A today an aircraft attacked a submarine on the surface in 55° 58' N. 26° 59' W. and estimates one hit. The convoy was attacked at 2220 and 2330 (see 17/10).

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Policy.

TIGRIS.

My 1041C/16. Spare torpedoes are not expected to arrive from Archangel before 22/10.
Do you approve for TIGRIS to return to U.K. with no torpedoes on board.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1309C/16 to F.O.S.)

TRINIDAD.

The following programme of sea trials is proposed.
(TRINIDAD, 1651/16).

13th M/S Flotilla.

A.M.1859B/18/6. Request information when the 13th M.S.F. will join my Command.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1714/16).

Co-operation with U.S.A.

Information of U.S. Forces movements.

Your 2230/15. I was not aware of departure of U.S. Aircraft Carrier WASP. Request you will give me earliest possible information of movements of U.S. forces and of their dispositions.
(C. in C. H.F., 1123A/16 to A.C.I.C.)
Replies to my 1739/15 show that carrier has been withdrawn from Iceland, and Denmark Strait Patrol discontinued, without my being informed. This illustrates unsatisfactory nature of present arrangement.
At first sign of activity by enemy units I intend to institute patrol of Denmark Strait by 8 inch cruisers supported by one battleship and VICTORIOUS, and patrol of Iceland Faeroes Passage by 6 inch cruisers (supported by one battleship). Admiral Giffen was informed of this. He was obviously anxious to co-operate but is handicapped by necessity to consult Opnav and is not allowed to communicate direct with me.
It is essential that I should be kept constantly informed of U.S. patrols maintained and forces available to support them, and of intended alterations. Request urgent steps may be taken to ensure this. (C. in C. H.F., 1332A/16 to Admty).
Your 1123A/16. This will be done in future.
(A.C.I.C., 1714/16 to C. in C. H.F.)
It would appear that our information of U.S. forces operating in the North Atlantic is not very complete.
2. In order that our combined forces may be constantly prepared to co-operate I feel it is essential that we should keep each other mutually informed by daily signals of the movements of our respective forces in the Atlantic.
3. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you would give consideration to keeping me informed and I would then be responsible for seeing that all our forces concerned receive all information that is necessary.

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Co-operation with U.S.A.

Information of U.S. Forces movements - Contd.

4. Would you like to have information as to important movements of H.M. Ships east of the Western Hemisphere Defence Zone?. (V.C.N.S., 2308A/16 to C.N.O. Washington).

Demonstration of British A/C Methods.

Reports received from our observers with the U.S. Navy show the great desirability of demonstrating our methods of organisation and conduct of air searches, and of accuracy of aircraft navigation, enemy reporting and shadowing. It is possible that this might be arranged in INDOMITABLE, ILLUSTRIOUS, and FORMIDABLE, who it is hoped will work up for a week or ten days at Bermuda for gunnery and day flying followed by two weeks at Jamaica for night flying starting with INDOMITABLE at the end of October.
2. Perhaps you may find a suitable opportunity to tell the U.S. authorities that we hope to send our carriers to work up in these waters and that if they would care to send suitable officers to study our methods we would welcome them, since we too would benefit by their presence. (D.O.D. F., 1631A/16 to B.A.D.)

Co-operation with Russia.

Iokanskie Harbour as M/S Base.

I.S.T.S. report dated 11/8/41 on Kola Peninsula etc. page 41/43. If circumstances permit investigate possibilites of using Iokanskie harbour as an alternative base for minesweepers and other escorts. (C. in C. H.F., 1047A/16 to 1st M/S Flotilla).

Movements.

SUFFOLK.

My 1914Z/15. SUFFOLK, IMPULSIVE, ESCAPADE returned to Archangel in accordance with Admty 2223A/15. (SUFFOLK, 0007Z/16).
Your 2223A/15. Request estimated duration of stay here to enable decision between navigational operational disadvantage of going again above river bar and A/S security advantage.
(SUFFOLK, 1341Z/16 to Admty).

/NORMAN.....

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NORMAN. Expect to arrive Seidis Fiord 1200N/20. (NORMAN, 0900C/16).

P.36. Amend my 1650A 15th one hour late. (WHITE BEAR, 0931A/16),

H.31. Intend to sail H.31 for Rothesay Southabout on 20/10, escorted by one destroyer to Dungeness passing Sand Head Buoy at dusk 20th thence diving by day to rendezvous with escort in vicinity Lizard Head. (C. in C. Nore, 1024A/16). My 1024A/16 and my 1020A/16. Sailing of H.31 from Sheerness is now amended to 21/10. (C. in C. Nore, 1426A/16). Your 1024A/16. H.31 to R/V with BREDA at 0730A /24. (S.7., 1456A/16 to C. in C. Nore).

A.F.D.14. My 1800/13. Delays during tests prevent A.F.D. XIV being ready to sail until 20th. Request arrangements for escort may be postponed accordingly. Admiralty confirm that crane will not be fitted. (F.O.I.C. Tyne,1058/16). Admiralty's 1724A/13 and F.O.I.C. Tyne's 1058/16. (1) F.O.I.C. Tyne is requested to sail A.F.D. XIV towed by Tug EMPIRE HENCHMAN a.m.20th (if weather conditions are suitable) to Scapa escorted by 2 12-pounder Trawlers from Tyne Sub-Command. (2) A.C.O.S. is requested to provide 2 A/S Trawlers to relieve the Tyne trawlers at 32 Buoy at time and date to be signalled by F.O.I.C. Tyne. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1755/16).

INDOMITABLE. Admiralty's 0005/3. INDOMITABLE will now leave U.K. on 17/10. (D.O.D. H., 1256A/16). INDOMITABLE arrived. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1808A/16).

CANTON. Will be ready for service 17/10. (S.O.W.P., 1540A/16).

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Operations.

TIGRIS report. One M/V torpedoed on 14/10.

TIGRIS arrived from patrol Svaerholthavet with all torpedoes expended. Following attacks. Details.
(c) At 1040C/14 in about 71° 5' N., 27° 3' E., 3 Merchant vessels 3,000 to 5,000 tons westbound escort 4 trawlers 4 aircraft. 3 torpedoes fired at second ship, one hit certain, 2 torpedoes at rear of ship, result unknown. Small number of depth charges dropped subsequently during 2 hours hunt. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1041C/16).

W/T signals in Atlantic.

The rapidity and reliability of W/T communication -during the heavy weather experienced recently in the Atlantic reflected credit on the W/T and Coding Staffs of Escorts many of whom were working under new and exacting conditions.
KEPPEL, NORTHERN GEM, MALCOM, SUNFLOWER and SARDONYX were noted particularly.
SARDONYX maintained W/T communication using Jury rig after losing her foremast.
(C. in C. W.A., 1646A/16).

GRAPH.

I should like to send my official photographer to obtain interior photographs of GRAPH for the immediate instruction of boarding parties of my escort vessels. If you concur, it is proposed for him to arrive P.M./17 and to work during the night. (C. in C. W.A., 1831A/16 to F.O.S.)
Your 1831A/16. Certainly. GRAPH has been informed. (F.O.S., 1931A/16).

Northern S/M patrol zones.

Your 1824A/15. Submarine patrol zones in use by Soviet and British S/Ms. are established off North Coast of Norway between 20° E., and 26° 30' E., and also in Varangar Fiord. Seven zones exist in this area at present time, but limits and number of zones in force are frequently altered to meet changing situation and number of S/Ms. available. Zones are under revision at present time. S/Ms. proceeding to and from patrol zones are at present routed between 72 North and 72 30 North.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 2210C/16).

Cable Laying.

Intend to proceed 1400A/17 if MARIE LOUISE MACKAY considers weather has moderated sufficiently.
(WOOLSTON, 2210A/16).

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British Air Activity.

Patrols.

North "Stand" in operation.
(C, in C. Rosyth, 0729/16).
"Bert" now in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1047/16).
"Bert" and "Stand" in operation.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1505/16).
Request photographic R/C of Hamburg, Kiel, and Oslo at earliest opportunity.
(D.D.I.C., 1736A/16)

Beaufort II A/C.

Beaufort II aircraft have been released for service in the R.A.F. and will be seen flying in all areas forthwith. These aircraft bear Coastal Command Operational camouflage colouring and marking. Request confirmation of notifications to all pilots and A/A Defences.
(Air Ministry, 1103/16).

Havre and Boulogne bombed. 12,000 ton tanker destroyed.

On 15/10 twelve A/C attacked shipping at Havre and destroyed one 12,000 ton tanker. On night 15/16 three A/C bombed the Docks at Boulogne.
(H.Q.B.C., 1240/16).

Enemy Air Activity.

Yarmouth bombed.

Yarmouth bombed night 15/16. Pay Offices and supply stores in Bloomfields Building badly damaged by near miss. (F.O.I.C. Yarmouth, 0725A/16 1510/16).

H.S.Ls 112 and 145 attacked on 15/10.

At 1247/15 H.S.L. 112 from Portsmouth and H.S.L. 145 from Newhaven were attacked by enemy aircraft in V7272. Casualties in both boats.
(H.Q. No. 11 Group 1200/16).

Convoy F.S.21.

Enemy aircraft are bombing convoy "Plumb" in 53° 20' N., 1° 1' E.
(VERDUN, 1859/16).

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Mining.

Sweep of Q.Z.S.117 and 151.

My 1807A/15. Intend to postpone movement 24 hours to allow weather to moderate sufficiently for sweeping. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1253A/16)

Firth of Forth.

My letter 90/016 dated 4/10. Clearance completed. All mines swept with exception of No. 3. Check "A" sweep carried out today has failed to locate this mine and it must be considered to have been a married failure to have sunk or to have gone adrift.
(Capt. Port Edgar, 1757/16).

4th M/S Flotilla. Clearing operation.

My 2053A/13. If collier LAKELAND too late substitute LESTO.
(D. of S., 1929A/16 to A.C.O.S.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Norwegian Coastal shipping.

Report graded B.2. states following ships arrived from North at 1700Z/15.
One ship 18,000 tons loaded, now lying at south side of Naeroy 61° 38' N., 04° 59' E.
Two ships each 4,000 tons, one of which is loaded, now lying in Floroy harbour 61° 36' N., 05° 02' E.
(D.D.I.C., 0315A/16).

Northern Coasts.

TIGRIS reports frequent traffic in both directions by 200 to 300 ton coasters. Eastbound Convoys leave Floodningsvaag at dawn every third day, through 71° 2.5' N., 27° E., thence close round Nordikin. (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1041C/16)

Casualties & Defects.

EMPIRE WATERHEN.

Is anchored in 57° 42½' N., 6° 53' W., with SALISBURY standing by. Proceed with all despatch. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1135A/16 to MARAUDER)
Tug (?JAVA) has now arrived. EMPIRE WATERHEN Will have steam for working cable and steering gear by 1600. (SALISBURY, 1315A/16).
Your 1210A/16. EMPIRE WATERHEN is to be towed to Oban. On arrival Oban, and when no longer required to assist, return to Stornoway.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1625A/16 to MARAUDER)

/MARIE.....

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MARIE LOUISE MACKAY. — Aground Loch Foyle. Tug is standing by. (WOOLSTON, 0442A/16).
MARIE LOUISE MACKAY refloated. No damage. Intend to proceed in accordance with programme when weather moderates. (WOOLSTON, 1103A/16)

BEAVERBRAE — Am standing by BEAVERBRAE now anchored in 057° 42' and 1/2 N. 006° 53' W. Am endeavouring inform tug. (SALISBURY, 0815A/16)

CASTLETON. — Arrived CASTLETON with defective steering gear. (TRELAWNEY, 0855/16).

SUPERMAN. — Sheltering at Lough Foyle attending minor repairs. D.G. Burned out. Request instructions. (SUPERMAN, 1330/16)
Your 1330/16. Return to Greenock. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1523A/16 to SUPERMAN)

MANXMAN. — MANXMAN's 1012/15 and your 1413/15.
1. MANXMAN can be taken in hand for oil fuel heater defects by Messrs. Thornycroft Southampton.
2. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to arrange accordingly on completion of operation J.X. (D.D.O.D. M., 1345A/16).

AGHIOS SPYRIDON. — Departure tug SABINE at 1420 to assist AGHIOS SPYRIDON. (F.O. Humber, 1434A/16).

Shipping & Convoys.

W.S.12 Z. C.T.5. — My 0729/7. Revised position as to Troopships. (D.S.T., 0737A/16) See Lion Copy.

S.D.14. — LANCASTER's 2110/15. Expect to effect repairs to CASTLETON and sail her for Hvalfjord for duty with S.D.14 by 1900 today. (R.A.M., 1039A/16).

/C.T.4.....

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C.T.4.
CANTON.

Reference C.T.4 and Admty 2213A/8 ANDALUCIA STAR/ will not be ready before 24/10. (N.C.S.O. Mersey, 1040A/16).
Cancel A.M.1748A/15. CANTON is to be sailed with C.T.4 parting company at position B thence proceeding independently to Freetown, as ordered by C. in C. W.A. (A.C.N.S. H., 1906A/16)

White Sea Convoys.

Your 0247A/15. Please confirm standard procedure laid down in your 1859A/30/8 para. 3 is still in operation for convoys proceeding to White Sea. Both messages have been passed to C.S.1.
(C. in C. H.F., 1043A/16 to Admty)

O.N.26.

Asdic defect and provisioning should be complete by 1500 today. Intend sailing independently shaping course for noon position O.N.26 17th, speed ten knots. Understand ARAB not sailing. NORWICH CITY has not arrived here.
(LADY MADELEINE, 1130A/16).

P.Q.2.

HARTLEBURY has engine room defect. Propose postponing sailing P.Q.2 until 1700/17th.
(A.C.O.S., 1319A/16)
Your 1319. Approved.
(D.O.D. H., 1614A/16 to A.C.O.S.)

O.G. Sailing Telegrams.

In view of the original route and all subsequent diversion signals of O.G. convoys being repeated to F.O.C.N.A. it is intended in future to omit the route from O.G. convoy sailing telegrams para. 5. (C. in C. W.A., 1559A/16)

H.G.74.
T.C.14.

2 submarines escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE left Barrow at 0815A/16th speed 12 knots may be met during night. Warn ships you are escorting before dispersing.
(C. in C. W.A., 1750A/16 to Escorts)

O.N.26.

Ocean escorts O.N.26 MAYO PAREN SO PAREN SCHENCK LEARY BROOME BABBITT X ends.
(Opnav, 1930Z/16).

/ E.C.....

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E.C. and E.N. Convoys. It has been decided to suspend E.C. Convoys for the winter months and to reinstitute E.N. Convoys changing over about 1/11.
The arrangements now in force between Admiralty and C. in C. Rosyth, for proposing and promulgating E.C. Programmes will be continued for E.N. Convoys. (D.T.D., 2006A/16)

H.X. 153. U. Arrived 1800/16/10. Less CHESAPEAKE anchored outside. Tug ROMSAY standing by.
(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 2041A/16)

Information from America. A.C.I.C. 1404Z/10, para 6 F. Suggest following arrangements. (D. of S.T., 2054A/16)
See Lion Copy.

S.C.49. Change route as follows.
(U.S. Chief of Naval Ops. 2143/16)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

GERMANIA. (German)
Ready to leave Teneriffe any moment. (F.O.C.N.A. 0528A/16 to N.A. Stn.)

AURORA. PENELOPE. Operation.
Pass through position (?20) miles west of Spartel at darkness 18/10 then proceed high speed to anchor in following berth. All bearings and distances from flashing light at head of South Mole. A. AURORA 282° 5 cables. B. PENELOPE 214° 4½ cables. 2. High buoy 271° 6 cables has been removed. 3. Oilers with orders will come alongside on arrival. Following stores will be placed alongside each ship in lighters. (a) 15 aircraft torpedoes boxed, (b) One Oerlikon gun and ammunition. (c) 200 rounds 4 inch in boxes. As much of above as practicable is to be embarked without impairing fighting efficiency unduly. 4. There is to be no communication with shore. No signals to be made unless absolutely essential. Ships' companies to be warned no information to be divulged to oilers. 5. Should operation be postponed you will be ordered by F.O.C.N.A. to remain to westward and arrive as in para.1 on 19/10. (S.O. Force H. 0818A/16 to AURORA, PENELOPE.)
Owing to S/M activity in Western Approaches to Gibraltar speed at least 22 knots is to be maintained when eastward longitude 012° W., fuel permitting. (F.O.C.N.A. 1746A/16 to PENELOPE, AURORA.)

Boom Vessel.
Request very early despatch of one Boom working vessel to supplement MOORHILL, no suitable local craft available. Vessel will be manned locally. (Ref. your 2222A/7 Para (B)). (F.O.C.N.A. 1022A/16 to Admty.)

BURRA.
Completed repairs sailing 16th in accordance with routeing instructions contained F.O.C.N.A. 1942A/10 (N.T. in W.R.) (R.O. Horta, 1548/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)

A/S Searches.
Your 1044/13. Searches as follows. 10/10 FORESTER from 1315 until dark on H/F D/F bearing obtained by ROCHESTER. 11/10, FORESTER, LIVELY, till dark, BN cut obtained at 0953A from Gibraltar W/T and ROCHESTER.
2. No result from these searches. ROCHESTER H/F D/F was subsequently found to be defective. A report will be forwarded.
3. No A/S contacts obtained throughout the voyage. (F.O.C.N.A. 1758A/16 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Rescue ...

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Rescue Tug. A.M.2321A/29/9. In view of present convoy routes there is an urgent need for a seagoing rescue tug to be stationed Azores or Funchal.
(ii) Will manning of SUPERMAN and SEAMAN admit of their being based at foreign ports?
(iii) Will their W/T installation allow of communication with them up to 1000 miles from Gibraltar? (iv) Would it be acceptable for SEAMAN and SUPERMAN to be based alternately at Azores or Funchal and Gibraltar?
(F.O.C.N.A. 1802A/16 to Admty.)

ALOUETTE. Your 1657A/16th. Y.3 Patrol can be maintained until c.m./22. (ALOUETTE, 1928A/16 to F.O.C.N.A)

H.G.75. A/S Sweep. Sailing of H.G.75 is to be postponed. Convoy will probably sail on 22/10. Meanwhile escort forces may be used for A/S sweep as arranged by you. (V.C.N.S. 2209A/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)

South Atlantic.

Enemy Unit. Following bearings obtained at 0001Z/16 (list) T.O.O. 0051/16. 54 Groups. 4-letter code. Considered that this transmission was from a surface vessel. (D.D.I.C. 0201A/16 to C. in C. S.A., R.A.S.A.D.) O.I.C.Comment.- Further bearings indicate a position within 200 miles of 11° N. 21° W. As this position is near a submarine area, the vessel is thought more likely to be a supply ship than a raider.
Admty. 0201A/16. DORSETSHIRE and DUNEDIN proceeding to cover S.L.90. DEVONSHIRE and VIMY to patrol focal area at seaward end of sector through which independents sail close routed.
(ii) Further interceptions, however, indicate that unit referred to is U-Boat.
(C. in C. S.A. 0901N/16 to Admty)

/Force Q. ...

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Force Q. ROYAL ULSTERMAN and R.F.A. PRINCE BAUDOUIN are to join Force Q. (C. in C. S.A., 1307N/16 to QUEEN EMMA.)

S.S.DOMINE. (Spanish) Sailed from Fernando Po 14/10 for Teneriffe. Has on board 2 Italian and 2 German passengers. If encountered ship is to be boarded (? and if) enemy nationals normally within category given in A.M. "A" 751 of 13/10/39 (A.F.O. 277/40), 816A of 11/11/39, 827A of 18/11/3? and 630A of 3/10/41, they are to be removed. Ship has Navicerts. (C. in C. S.A. 1507N/16 to Ships in Area P.)

SEVERN. Your 1630/15. I assume SEVERN will arrive in 020° 48' N. 018° 00' W. at 1900A/19.
(C. in C. S.A. 1709N/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Movements. Summary 2000/16. (C. in C. S.A., 1723N/16)
See Lion Copy.

DRAGON. DRAGON's 1412/15. Departure of DRAGON delayed on account of condenser trouble. TEVIOT BANK has been sailed independently in hopes that DRAGON will be able to catch up my 1943/16 refers. Further signal will be made.
(F.O.I.C. Simonstown 1957Z/16 to C. in C. E.I.)

Convoy. Ref. A.G.M. 573 AZ (1149/13) Estimated P.C. and S. 0100Z/17. ETHIOPIAN, WALLFLOWER, NIGELA, 010° 55' N. 018° 50' W. 111° 10½ knots. Weather.
(WALLFLOWER 2300Z/16 to C. in C. S.A.)

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Mediterranean.

Aircraft. S.O. Force H's 0947/4. The sooner the Albacores arrive the better but I do not wish to press S.O. Force H. to operate under unfavourable conditions. (C. in C. Med. 1010B/16 to Adty.)

TETRARCH. Please show Capt. S.1. 0815B/15 to F.O.(S) and tell him that no action is being taken here regarding TETRARCH proceeding direct to U.S.A. from Gibraltar. (C.S.O. to F.O.(S) 1044A/16 to Capt. S.10.)
From F.O.S. in Malta. Capt. S.1's 0851A/15. From personnel aspect it is strongly urged that TETRARCH should proceed to U.K. on her way to U.S.A. (Capt. S.10 1820A/16 to C. in C. Med.)

TALISMAN. TETRARCH. REGENT. Your 0851B/15 approved. (C. in C. Med. 1129B/16 to S.1.)

Docks. Your 1914/8. Sabang Dock has already been taken up for Admiralty service at Singapore. It is considered practicable to move Stanbul Dock to Alexandretta provided Turks can be persuaded to do so. (C. in C. Med. 1152B/16 to P.S.T.O. Egypt.)

THORN. REGENT. My 1105B/15. Amend E.T.A. to read 1300B (? 17th) (Capt. S.1. 1201B/16.)

U/B attacked. Day 15/10. Of 3 Blenheims on R/C for shipping between Crete and Libya, 1 sighted a submarine on surface about 150 miles north of Gazala and attacked with four 250-lb bombs. 2 direct hits and a third near target. Submarine considered severely damaged. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1221/16.)

Station Limit, E. As from 21/10 the Eastern limit of the Mediterranean station will become 045° 05' E.
2. S.N.O. Red Sea with H.Q. at Suez will be responsible to C. in C. Med. His title becomes F.O.C. Red Sea. 3. Aden W/T station will remain operatively under C. in C. E.I.
(Head of M. 1237A/16 to C.'s in C. etc.)

/MAURO ...

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MAURO CROCE (Italian)	Departure 15th at night for Barcelona. (Valencia T.H.I. 1250/16 to M. of W.T.)
BALKAN (Bulgarian)	My 1245B/16 (N.T. in W.D.) BALKAN sailed 1130 G.M.T. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1526B/16 to S.O.I. Med.) W.R. Note: Received via N.I.D. W.D. Note: BALKAN, Bulgarian, last reported arrived Istanbul 27/9 for Trieste.
VENDETTA.	Intend following programme for VENDETTA (from Alexandria to Singapore) (C. in C. Med. 1634B/16 to Admty.)
BALCIC (Roumanian)	My 1245B/16. BALTHIC (? BALCIC) will sail 18 hours G.M.T. A.1. (S.O.I. Istanbul, 1825B/16 to S.O.I. Med.) My 1245B/16. BALCIC sailed 19 hours G.M.T. T.O.O. 21.31 B.?16. (S.O.I. Istanbul, No T.O.O./16 to S.O.I. Med.)
Situation Report 158.	3 enemy cruisers and 6 destroyers sighted by aircraft at 1045/13 steering N.W. in 038° 10' N. 018° 26' E. Battle Fleet returned to harbour p.m./14 without other incident than air attack reported in my 2030/13. 2. Western Desert. Operation "Cultivate" continues. Shelling of Tobruk by shore battery has increased. During month September there were 37 daylight and 31 night air raids on Tobruk. Only heavy raid was on 1/9 but over 100 machines directed principally on harbour. 2 "A" lighters lost, see my 1033/15. Another Caique with 18 British soldiers and 3 Greeks has reached vicinity of Mersa Matruh. 3. R.A.F. report 2 certain and 1 probable direct hit with 250 pound bomb on U-Boat at 1430/15 in 034° (?21') N. 023° 11' E. and consider U-Boat probably sunk. Swordfish attack on convoy see H.Q. R.A.F. Malta 1900/14. 4. Levant. Corvettes carrying out A/S sweep in area between Cyprus and Syria. (C. in C. Med. 1901B/16 to Admty.)
RORQUAL.	Will be ready to sail P.M./17. (V.A. Malta, 1925A/16 to C. in C. Med.)

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TETRARCH. Sails 1700B/17 for Malta routed through
(a) 032° 30' 028° 36'
(b) 033° 50' 025° 00'
(c) 035° 30' 017° 00'
thence as ordered by Capt.(S) 10, who is also requested to issue onward routeing instructions to Gibraltar. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to issue routeing instructions for passage to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U.S.A. TETRARCH will be diving for trimming in Alexandria S/M exercise Sanctuary. (Capt.S.1. 2225B/16 to C.in C. Med.)

Enemy M/V's. R/C suggest merchant ships may leave vicinity 032° 22' 019° 52' shortly. Destination unknown but probably some north-bound through THORN's area. (Capt. S.1. 2311B/16 to REGENT, THORN.)

East Indies.

Flying Boat Base, Addu Atoll. Ref. my 487/4 of 2/9, Addu Atoll is suitable. A.O.C. F.E. will arrange for an advanced base for one flying boat Squadron to be constructed in anticipation of your approval. 2. Do you concur? Pass to Admiralty. (Easfar, 0800/14 to Air Ministry.) 487/4 2/9. In view of developments at Addu Atoll (see Admty. 1330A/23/8) to C. in C. China, number 651, facilities for operation of 1 complete flying boat squadron should be provided there if this is found practicable. 2. A.O.C.F.E. will report results of R/C as early as possible. (Easfar, 0430/16 to Air Ministry)

CLAN FORBES. My 0612/1. Following is intended programme. (C. in C. E.I. 1146Z/16 to F.O.C.R.I.N., S.N.O. Port T.) See Lion Copy.

Red Sea Command. Your 2200/15. Yes. See my 1300/14. (C. in C. E.I., 1336Z/16 to Admty.)

/AUSTRALIA ...

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East Indies - contd.

AUSTRALIA, special cruise. AUSTRALIA is being sailed for Durban now with a view to visiting Crozet and Kerguelen Island as planned in my 1428/15/8. (2) Cruise will be between about 26/10 and 12/11. -(C. in C. E.I., 1340Z/16 to Admty.)

ANTENOR. Leaves Colombo a.m./17. E.T.A. Sandheads 1030Z/21. Anticipated draught 20 feet forward 24 feet 9 inches aft. (C. in C. E.I. 1356Z/16 to F.O.C.R. I.N.)

SNAPDRAGON. Your 0804/15. Intend SNAPDRAGON leave Basra p.m./17 arrive Aden 25/10, leave 26/10 and arrive Suez 31/10. (S.N.O.P.G. 1950Z/16 to C. in C. E.I.)

Ceylon. One Ceylon. Scale of possible attack on Ceylon assessed at maximum two Divisions under Naval Situation as given in para 6 of Ceylon Joint Naval Army and Air Force appreciation 1940 forwarded under 49911/M.O.1 of 16/12/40.
Two. Reinforcements have been calculated and defensive works being planned to meet the scale of attack given in para 10 of appreciation.
Three. Confirm that Naval situation remains unaltered, that two divisions is a correct estimate of scale of possible attack and that defence works should be constructed accordingly. (C. in C. India 2126/16 to W.O.)

America and West Indies.

EMPIRE FULMAR defect. Diverted to loading of planes at Los Angeles sailing six hours late. Arrived Balboa 1800Z/14 unable to commence transit of canal until 1030Z/15. Left Colon 0100Z/16. E.T.A. off Cape Henry 1430Z/20. (2) Submit arrangements for D.G. Trials may be made before entering harbour. (3) Suction Manifold of Port Feed Pumps fractured. Require repairs or renewal. (EMPIRE FULMAR, 0100Z/16 to C. in C. A.W.I.)

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LIVERPOOL.	Admty. 1822A/8. LIVERPOOL will arrive Mare Island about 23/10 arriving Bermuda about 7/11. When definite dates are known B.A.D. Washington will concert sailing and fuelling arrangements with C. in C. A.W.I. (B.A.R.M. 0854R/16 to Admty. etc.)
PANDORA.	My 1718R/9. Completion date PANDORA ex trials is 12/11. (B.A.R.M. 1022R/16 to Admty.)
MANCHESTER.	My 1242R/7. MANCHESTER completion date is 6/4 1942 ex trials. (B.A.R.M. 1024R/16 to Admty.)
SHEDIAC.	Your 16302/15. Confirm name of her as SHEDIAC. (C.C.N.F. 1155Z/16 to A.C.I.C.)
EMPIRE WAVE.	EMPIRE WAVE due Halifax 10/10 has not arrived. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1409Z/16 to Admty.)
ROODE ZEE.	Your 1833A/15. No date for release can yet be given. Every endeavour is being made to obtain suitable tug to replace. (C. in C. A.W.I. 16220/16 to Admty.)
Suspicious Ship, 14/10.	Report from AAGTEKERK. (a) 14/10 0900 (b) 008° 30' N. 051° 30' W. (c) 282° 15 knots. Suspicious ship same course 18 to 19 knots on Port quarter (d) 13 miles (e) altered to North, increased to 16 knots, ship followed. Altered to East, ship followed and overtaking. Sent out RR RR at 0940. Suspicious ship slowed down. Altered to North, ran 30 miles, left ship behind (f) (description) (g)(?) High ship or raider (h) ship certainly suspicious. A.1. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 16260/16 to C. in C. A.W.I.)
Troop Convoy.	Your 1955/15. Request composition and accomodation troop convoy leaving Canada approx. 2/11. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1704Z/16 to Admty.)
Halifax W/T.	Admiralty message GY. Admiralty message GU, Para. 3 (a) (b) (c) and (d). Amend call sign of Halifax W/T Station to read "CFH". (D.S.D. 1841A/16 to G.B.M.S. all areas.)

/Naval ...

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Naval Strength.	British requirements for 1942 etc. Reply to Admty. 1735A/10. (B.A.D. 2037R/16 to Admty.) See Lion Copy.
Supplies for U/Bs.	My 1738R/14 (N.T. in W.D.) Havana has replied, (begins) A. Hohenlohe's job is to arrange fuel supply for U.29 and U.143. B. Both S/Ms are in the vicinity of the Caribbean Sea (ends). Enquiries being made Ciudad Trujillo and Mexico. (S.O.I. Kingston 2056R/16 to Admty.) These boats not in Western Atlantic, see 1923/19.
Refits, Atlantic Coast.	Your 1711Z/20/9 and 1450Z/15/10. In order that Admty. may be fully informed it would be of assistance if following information concerning refits of vessels on Atlantic coast could be signalled when a ship is taken in hand. (a) Name of Port. (b) Date taken in hand. (c) Anticipated date of completion. 2. Request you will signal this information now in respect of NIAGARA and HAMILTON. (A.C.N.S.(H) 2208A/16 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa.)

Australia.

Destroyers.	My 1218Z/24 (re disposal STUART, VOYAGER, VAMPIRE and VENDETTA) would appreciate early reply. (A.C.N.B. 0741Z/16 to Admty.)
CHIOS.	Your 1845A/14 to D.N.I. Melbourne. Please refer to my 0126Z/15. (A.C.N.B. 0803Z/16 to Admty.)
MANOORA. KANIMBLA exchange.	Ref. Admty. 1331A/24. Propose MANOORA sail from Sydney 18/11 arriving Colombo 6/12. A.C.N.B. would appreciate information concerning return of KANIMBLA. (A.C.N.B. 1216Z/16 to C. in C. E.I.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Ships Attacked.

S.C.48.
(attacked 15/10.)
EMPIRE HERON
ILA
SILVER CEDAR.

My 2330Z/15. Ref. W.A.C.I. 102.
(a) No contact obtained. Area illuminated by star shells.
(b) Starboard correctly signalled.
(c) Escort in position A D G J of N E (corrupt groups) A S V ahead.
(d) S.S. EMPIRE HERON, British, rear ship starboard column, sank immediately.
(e) 2330Z/15 in 054°55' N., 027° 15' W.
(f) 034° since 1500(?/)15. Evasive (?courses) had been ordered for 0200Z and 0600.
(g) Weather report 4472 9964
(h) A submarine (?originally) observed on surface about 7 miles on port beam of convoy by COLUMBIA and attacked at 1400Z(?/) 15 while joining convoy. Result unknown. Night attack apparently by single Submarine. Ref. C. in C. W.A., 1706A/8/9 para. 3.
(a) No boats or rafts were got away.
(b) Sole survivor found raft and was picked up by GLADIOLUS. Remainder unaccounted for.
(c) Due to shortage of escort GLADIOLUS did not remain in vicinity.
(COLUMBIA 0930/16 to C. in C.W.A.)

S.C.48.

My 1018A/6. (N.T. in W.R.) WETASKIWIN reported two ships torpedoed 0705Z/15 in 053° 34' N., 029° 57' W. Four Corvettes with convoy. COLUMBIA and other escort not in company. 10 Stragglers including Commodore. HIGHLANDER, BROADWAY from T.C.14 and VERONICA, ABELIA from O.N.25 should join convoy P.M. today. U.S. Destroyers GREER, KEARNEY, DECATUR, PLUNKETT and LIVERMORE from O.N.24 have been ordered to join. (C. in C.W.A., 1142A/16, to BULLDOG, AMAZON, RICHMOND, GEORGETOWN, HEARTSEASE, ANGLE, CAPE WARWICK.
Now known that the 3 ships torpedoed in S.C.48 on 15/10 and 16/10 were:-
EMPIRE HERON, British, 6023 tons, Freeport to Manchester.
ILA, Norwegian, 1583 tons, Boston to Glasgow.
SILVER CEDAR, British, 4354 tons, New York to Liverpool. (D.S.774, 18/10.)
Rejoin O.N.25 forthwith. DIANTHUS and ACONITE have proceeded to assistance of VANCOUVER ISLAND. (C. in C.W.A., 2338A/16 to PICTOU.)

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U/M's Reported.

0001Z. Enemy transmission, possible U/B. (C. in C.S.A., 0901N/16.) See South Atlantic.

0750. One submarine bearing 240° distant 5 miles approx., course 090° my position 55.48N., 08.22 W., at 0750.
(A/C using V 9 G R., 0750/16 to 15 Group.)
Enemy submarine previously reported has dived. Unable attack, sea too rough distinguish wake.
(A/C V.9.G.R. 0810/16 to 15 Group.)
A/C reports U/boatdived in 55° 48' N., 08° 22' W., at 0750/16.
(C. in C.W.A., 0952A/16 to CILICIA, FORTH, CAIRO LANCASTER, all escorts of H.G.74, amended 1046A/16.)

0427C. Bearing by D/F at 0427C/16 position of enemy U-boat(s) was 067° 52' N., 042° E., reliable fix. Admiralty pass to SUFFOLK.
(S.B.N.O. Murmansk, 0946C/16 to Admty.)
Admiral requests minesweeper be sent to search for U-boat sighted by aircraft in 067° 53' N., 042° 10' E., at 0427C/16. Flying boats type M.B.R.Z. will co-operate. They will circle position if U-boat sighted and fire 2 white Very lights.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1042/16 to SUFFOLK.)

0824Z. D/F bearings at 0824Z/16 indicate U.boat still shadowing Convoy S.C.48.
(D.D.I.C. 0959A/16 to A.I.G.62 etc.)

1320. Am over enemy S/m in 55°36'N., 9°05' W.
(A/c using call sign G9V-O. 1320/16 to 15 Group.)
Un-confirmed report from Aircraft of Periscope in 55° 36' N., 9° 05' W., at 1320.
(C. in C.W.A., 1354A/16 to Escorts H.G.74 and T.C.14. CILICIA.

Estimated U.Boat dispositions in Atlantic.
(D.D.I.C.1456A/16.) (U.S.C.N.O., 2056/16 to C. in C.A.F.)

0001/15. Trawler entering Leixoes reports at 0001/15 it encountered s/m 4 miles due West of that port.
(R.O., Oporto, 1847/16 to S.O.I., Gibraltar.)

/1603.....

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Submarines Reported.

1603. Daily Op. Sum. From Bathurst. 204 Squadron. Sunderland detailed to locate S.S.GARD finding enemy submarine in position 13.20 N., 17.06W., at 1603/16. Aircraft attempted attack but bomb circuit (?group omitted.) Submarine escaped. GARD? not located. Further Sunderland despatched to search for U boat 1928/15. Water-borne 0635/16 - nil report.
(Freetown, 1900/16, to Air Ministry.)

Submarines Attacked.

By COLUMBIA. At 1400Z/15. (COLUMBIA, 0930/16.)See Ships Attacked.

By A/C. Blenheim A/C attacked U/B north of Gazala 15/10.
(H.Q. R.A.F., M.E., 1221/16.) See Mediterranean.

By IMPERIALIST. One submarine on the surface (unknown) 36° 50' N., 6° 28' W.
(IMPERIALIST, 0400A/16, to Gibraltar W/T.)
My 0040, position 300 TRA 80.
(IMPERIALIST, 0520A/16 to Gibraltar W/T.)
0345A sighted submarine on the surface closed attempted to ram unsuccessful. Submarine made off on surface. High speed. Opened fire 4-inch, submarine seen diving, fired depth charge pattern, lost contact 0420. Still searching the area.
(IMPERIALIST, 0540A/16 to F.O.C.N.A.)

15/10. U/B hit and damaged by Blenheims off Gazala.
(H.Q. R.A.F., M.E. 1221/16.) See Mediterranean.

By A/C. 1725. Am over enemy S/M in 55.58N., 26.59W. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on the surface and was observed to submerge on a course 060° 6 knots.
(A/C U, 1725/16, to 15 Group.)
Catalina A/C of 240 Sqdn. (D.S., 773.)

Enemy S/M sighted and attacked by A/C at 1725A/16 in 55° 58' N., 26° 59' W., on surface course 060° 6 Kts. One hit estimated.
(D.C.1821A/16 to Opnav, Escorts of S.C.48.)

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Home Commands.

INDOMITABLE left U.K. today to work up in the West Indies.

The convoy cycle of O.S. and S.L. convoys is being extended to 12 days commencing with O.S.10 sailing on 25/10 and S.L.91 on 27/10.

Soviet S/M D.3 returned from patrol off Tana Fjord today and claims to have sunk 4 ships.

R.D.F. — Recent experience has emphasised the lack of effective means of detecting low flying aircraft.

British Air Operations.

Bomber Command. — 13 aircraft attacked Dunkirk last night and 4 Ostend.

Fighter Command. — 8 Hurricanes this afternoon attacked 2 armed trawlers off Zeebrugge and severely damaged them and set them on fire.

Mining.

Aircraft laid mines last night at Brest, Lorient and St. Nazaire.

Minelaying by enemy aircraft last night was suspected in the Thames Estuary. Mines were detonated today in the Estuary.

In the Bristol Channel two mines were exploded near Flatholm Light.

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North Atlantic.

Convoys. The Admiralty have ordered the sailing of convoy H.G. 75 to be postponed until 22/10 (later altered to 21/10) the escort forces being used for A/S sweep as arranged by F.O.C.N.A. The latter points out that this will entail some 17 additional ships lying in the exposed outer anchorage at Gibraltar during the dark period during which he has information that another attack is to be made on these ships.

Mediterranean.

16 Wellingtons from Malta bombed Naples last night and report the Silurificio Torpedo Factory probably destroyed.

6 Blenheims with Hurricane escort bombed the seaplane base at Syracuse at 0850.

Libya and Western Desert. S.S. PASS OF BALMAHA and SAMOS were torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat at 0400/17, 50 miles west of Alexandria whilst proceeding to Tobruk with petrol and stores respectively. The latter was Greek manned and some survivors have been picked up. PASS OF BALMAHA was manned by Merchant Service and it is feared there are no survivors as ship exploded.

Odessa evacuated. The Russians announced tonight that the evacuation of their troops from Odessa is completed. The operation occupied 8 days.

M.V. CLAN MACDONALD, on passage unescorted, from Malta to Gibraltar was twice attacked this afternoon by Italian aircraft, with bombs and torpedoes. Successful avoiding action was taken in the first/ attack and the second was driven off by gunfire. CLAN MACDONALD reached Gibraltar undamaged.

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East Indies.

The Free French wish to set up a Naval Base at Zeila to watch a loophole in the blockade of Jibuti. C. in C. E.I. considers it most undesirable to set up a Free French Naval Base within 25 miles of Jibuti, as the participation of any Free French Force will only serve to strengthen resistance.

Operation "Ration" was stopped at dusk today. No interceptions have been made.

Kerguelen.

AUSTRALIA is to visit Crozet and Kerguelen Islands. The Admiralty suggest that C. in C. E.I. should consider AUSTRALIA laying magnetic ground mines there.

China.

It is reported in the press that the U.S.A. Govt. today ordered all American shipping in the northern Pacific to return to port. It is not known whether the ships are to return to U.S.A., British or other friendly port.

U-Boat Campaign.

Convoy S.C.48, U.S.S. KEARNEY and S.S. BOLD VENTURE, BARFONN, W.C.TEAGLE, ERVIKEN, EVROS, RYM.

The convoy was attacked four times last night and 6 more ships were torpedoed, of which 5 sank. U.S. Destroyer KEARNEY (one of those ordered to join S.C.48 from O.N.24) was torpedoed near the convoy at 0200/17.
The first attack last night occurred at 2220/16 in 56° 58' N., 25° 4' W. Further attacks took place at 2330/16, 0145/17 and 0300/17, by at least 2 U-boats, probably attacking singly.
Ships torpedoed are BOLD VENTURE (U.S.A.-cf B.A.D. Washington 1907R/23/8/41. BARFONN (Nor. Tanker) Sunk, W.C. TEAGLE (Tanker) Sunk. ERVIKEN (Norw) Sunk., EVROS (Greek) sunk. RYM (Norw) Afloat and abandoned 1114Z/17 in 57° 1' N. 24° 20' W.
Times and dates of attacks are not known.

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